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Dr. Frank S. Lillie,

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Lillie:

I am afraid you will think me very derelict in replying to your letter mailed last week to the Murray Hill Hotel. Please allow me to explain. Under the pressure of some friends who were with me, I went to the Hotel Manhattan, but I took special pains to go twice to the Murray Hill Hotel to see if there was mail. I went Saturday night but found nothing. On Tuesday evening, January ninth, I found your letter. I was very sorry indeed that it had not come to me before. In any case, however, I would have been unable to see you Saturday, January sixth.

I am delighted that you have given our proposition favorable consideration, and I appreciate very fully the statement which you make concerning future promotion. There will be a meeting of our Trustees on next Tuesday, and I will then lay the matter before them and endeavor to secure a definite statement on this point. I can assure you that I appreciate the fact that you are in some ways making a sacrifice, but I am equally confident that in the end you will be the gainer. We shall endeavor to make everything as satisfactory as possible to you from the beginning.

Very truly yours,

*William R. Harper*