

My Dear Mackenzie,

My delay in furnishing you with the statement desired, has not been owing to neglect, but to the unaccountable absence of young Woodward. I take it for granted he must have been absent from home & that he has not received the summons. I greatly regret this, for he was possessed of many details which would have confirmed the enclosed statement in the most conclusively. The other young men however are all well acquainted with Spencer's character, and if required would speak very decidedly. Skinner has heard him express the determination of becoming a pirate, & Stanley is acquainted with the fact of his having left "the Pirate's Run Book" to the Anglo-Saxon Society with his autograph upon a blank page.

My own testimony aimed only to offer-
ed in relation to the general character
of the young man. The fact of his
having presented himself to me as a can-
didate for the Holy Communion, only
revels his duplicity when taken
in connection with Woodward.

Besides, considering the confidential na-
ture which belongs to all interviews be-
tween a clergyman & his parishioners, &
moreover, the connection which is known
to exist between you & myself, I should
doubt very much the wisdom & propri-
ty of my being brought forward except
in case of the last necessity.

I am, My dear MacLenzie

With the kindest sympathy & regard

Faithfully your friend

Robert Irving

Thursday morning.

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