

Geo H Baker Esq Phil.
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My dear Sir

If any thing could persuade me
to enlist as a contributor to Lippincott's Magazine
sure it would be your letter. I know the
^{reputation} respectability of that publishing house and
am sure that with such aid as you will
give to the magazine we will be able to
procure for it, it will win the public favor. I
am, however, at present fairly loaded with
literary engagements — some of them of little
consequence perhaps, and some of which I
do not speak, but altogether, quite a burden
for one who has reached my time of life ~~and~~
when the desire of ease predominates largely
over the desire of fame. While therefore I will
not absolutely refuse to ~~be~~ contribute to the
magazine I cannot promise to do so. ~~at~~
the meantime I thank you for the kind wishes
you so obligingly express in your letter and am



With great regards etc
Yours truly W H Bryant

New York, December 21st 1867.
Gentlemen.

I thank the Committee of your Association for the polite invitation communicated in your letter to be present at the next annual festival to be held in honor of the institution of learning to which we owe a considerable debt of gratitude. —

Dear Sir, I thank ^{associate} your Committee for the honor done ~~me~~ ^{me} by including ~~my~~ ^{your} name among those ~~who are applied to for the purpose to~~ who are requested to deliver lectures for the benefit of the Homoeopathic Hospital about to be erected at Cleveland. The object ^{is a very laudable one} ~~of~~ ^{that} has my best wishes and would have my services in the way you mention, ~~but~~ if I ever gave public lectures — My time of life has been used by other engagements ~~and added to~~ ^{to} together with the rule which I have long followed of declining all such requests must be my apology for ~~declining~~ ^{refusing} in the present instance. —