

After Church-tunes.

My dear Mr North:

You and I differ on the subject of Barrie's "Better Dead," which I have just read. I have a vile habit of writing quiritical quatrains on the fly leaves of my books, as I read them, & it may interest you to hear the one on B.D. — since we have together enthused over its author.

Here it is:

In reading here the notion fills my head  
That 't will be well when this book is forgot —  
In other words the work were "Better Dead"  
Than not.

On second thoughts don't you agree with

Yours always & faithfully

John Bangs?

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