

January 13, 1919

My dear Pollard:

I duly received your nice letter of November 20, and intended answering it promptly, but the melee of Christmas came along and I have had no opportunity to reply to it.

I sent you as a Christmas remembrance, Mr. Newton's "Amenities of Book Collecting," and trust ere this you have read it and enjoyed it as much as I did. It is not great, nor does it add anything to our knowledge, but it is piquant and extremely readable (as you say in England).

I hope you approve of the latest book of the Grolier Club, printed by our mutual friend, Bruce Rogers.

Lest you may not have seen it, the title is "Of the Just Shaping of Letters," but I have a misgiving that you have already discussed every comma and period with Rogers as the book was going through the press. I think it one of the most creditable things the Club has done.

There is little to say about bibliographical matters.

I am just sending out the annual notices for dues, and regret to report the

resignation of James W. Ellsworth, who is one of the few owners in this country of the Gutenberg Bible. He is a real book lover, but driven wild with business ~~cares~~ ^{cares} and has little time to give to collecting.

I hope Joyce is pleased with the way the American boys behaved in France. Our American papers and magazines are filled with personal narratives, and many of them are not only highly interesting, but most amusing.

Did you see President Wilson in his triumphal ride through London? It would not be like you to go out of the way to see him, but as he is an ex-college president you might have given him a passing thought.

While the war was waging I had no desire whatever to be in England. It all seemed too sad and too tragic, but now that it is over I am feeling slight attacks of wanderlust. What six months may bring forth in my plans I do not know.

My brother is in Paris, and I told him if he were ever in the neighborhood of the British Museum to be sure and call upon you. He is high up in the cir-

cles of the non-conformists in this country, being missionary secretary of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions, and president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, a body representing about fourteen million non-conformists.

Have you heard Dr. Jowett since his return to England? He is far and away the best preacher of our time, according to my views.

Pray present our best regards to Mrs. Pollard and Joyce.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very truly,

Pollard