

March 24th, 1930

Wm C Key

Mr. W. S. Campbell

Dear Sir:-

It surely was an unpleasant surprise to me that a letter of the kind you say you received with my signature ever left my office as I knew and advised the committee before I let them use my office for a day as a meeting place that Mr. Leslie's idea that a raffle of this kind could be held is a serious breach of two laws of the country.

When I reached my office on the day following this meeting there was an accumulation of outgoing letters on my letter heads that my secretary left for me to sign and having three important conferences probably signed this without reading it.

Why they used my business letter heads is a mystery to me and a thing I deeply regret.

In your wide experience you probably have met many of these individuals who have no respect for either ethics or integrity.

What I am doing with a number of my junior pals who are going to high school is to have them on three nights a week read to each other three or four chapters of books like yours so that they will become used to reading good English in a well-modulated voice with proper emphasis on important phrases and in that way lose their self-consciousness which is alarmingly evident in many cases.

What I am doing with autographed books is establishing a permanent library for them so that they will have a pleasant recollection of the men who helped them in this way.

William Lyon Phelps Professor of English Literature at Yale University knows what I am doing and sent me on yesterday an autographed copy of his "Memory".

If you can spare me an autographed copy of one of your books I will deeply appreciate it as the personal sacrifice entailed in my help to these boys is more than compensated for by the thanks of their parents and teachers.

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Respectfully yours,

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