

Wellington Budge
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My dear Mr Clark.

I regret
very much that circumstances
have determined me to
resign my connection with
the Punera Club. I
have not taken this course
without fully considering
it, and although I cannot
explain to you my reasons
for doing so I still ask
you to believe that they
must be rather important
to induce me to give up

what I have so much
enjoyed, and what I will
always esteem the most
fortunate connections of
my past life.

From the happy and very
intimate nature of the
friendship I have shared
with most of the members,
I flatter myself that the
first desire of some of you
will be to induce me to
alter my determination.

Anticipation thus, I must
ask you to credit my
assertion that I have considered
thoroughly what I am doing,
and that of your kindness

prompted such a course its
only result would be to
increase my grief in quitting
the happy circle.

To you personally I owe
a debt of gratitude which
I was going to say I
can never pay - but I
believe you will agree & with
me that gratitude is an
~~promise~~ acknowledgment
of a debt equal to payment
itself. Though I can only
offer you - "Thanks - the
nearest, readiest, recompense."
I will point out that
George Elliot affirms
that we sometimes heartily

Sincerely, ~~thankfully~~ ^{utter}
that word although we use
it meaninglessly and as
a mere matter of habit
all day long.

Truly yours,
H. B. Edwards

P.S. I will send Dottie
my journal resignation