

Palo Alto Nov 14/91.

Dear Mr. Coulter,

I received your
kind letter and thank you very
much for it. It took a great load
off my mind. I need not repeat
that I shall of course gladly
return to Indiana University
entirely free from any contract
with any other institution.
I am more & more satisfied that
I did right to decide to come
here this year. I have but
eleven hours work - not more
than Graduate students frequently
have. Moreover this work is
almost directly preparatory for
the work of next year. I am
giving a course of lectures on

Historical Ethical systems of Belief.
A great part of the preparation (which
is very extended) for these lectures
is a study of the very masterpieces
I shall teach next year. In my
course in Ethics I shall also teach
Hume, Emerson, & Carlyle from the
Ethical standpoint. As that you
see I will of course go over a part
of the field of next year's work.

I am also giving a course of lectures
in the Introduction to the Study of
Eng. & Am. Lit.; & these lectures
I shall use in the preparation of
those given in the Freshman
work next year. Besides all this
I have some time in which to
carry on my studies not connected
with teaching work. And, lastly, the
ability to purchase books which
I have greatly needed goes far
toward compensating for the

lack of a very great library.

I think in the light of all this that you will agree with me that the year here will be worth as much to me with reference to my own growth & future usefulness as a year anywhere could have been.

I ~~have~~ am having many opportunities of seeing the State & the life here. I have lectured at San Luis Obispo; and have engagements this month at San Jose, Alameda, & Oakland. Whatever the future brings forth I cannot but feel that I shall always be glad of this year & its experience.

I am anxious to teach in the Summer School next summer. I shall get away from here the 15th of June; & hope ^{that will} give me

time to reach Bloomington before the
S. School opens. I should like to
offer two courses given last
year & two new courses.

May I also remind you of your
kind promise to look out for
Institute work for me. I should
like to do as much as possible
next summer after the Sum. School
closes.

Sincerely Yours

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