

between the lines, I have hurled shot and shell to "draw his fire." Now look out for my balls. Ye gods, stand back and wonder! I am just going to work!! What wily design to bring on a controversy in the words, "*having shown he can be stung into some semblance of reply.*" What premeditated cunning to get at and stinging one he does not like. Sir, he utterly discounts the great prototype he selected for himself, Turveydrop of "Bleak House;" for while that illustrious individual was credited with being "a selfish, pompous, elderly dandy," our Turveydrop of the Council! adds many qualities to these. Among them bombastic swagger and preconceived design, with a callousness that leads him to boast of what most men would scorn to acknowledge.

In reply to why my "little effort," had importance thrust upon it, he says, not that it contained anything that was not true; not that it was not given in the interests of the Council; not that it was offensive to him or his party, but that it "*was necessary to unload the doctor,*" "*to draw his fire,*" "*to see if he could be stung into some semblance of reply.*" A premeditated design to discuss, not Council matters, but a person he dislikes. And this man talks about ethics and honorable warfare!

In the final paragraph of his letter he gives an idea of the bill of fare for his next. He intimates that (he) "proposes to give his promised paragraph elucidating (his) averment that Dr. Williams' want of status in regard to truthfulness and honesty in public discussion was decided more than three years ago." Mr. Editor, allow me to remind the doctor that my reputation for truthfulness and honesty is not in his keeping. I have now been known to members of the Council since 1880. My colleagues have had ample opportunity to judge for themselves as to my reliability in these particulars. To some of the profession, other than the Council, I am known, and I rest confident that many of those who do not know me, do know Dr. Sangster, at least by reputation, hence I have nothing to fear. I invite him to do his utmost.

Yours, etc.,

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