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My dear Mr. Bill,

I have not so pleasant a task this morning as Mr. B. had the other day in communicating the arrival of little Psyllas, of whom I must tell you that we are all exceedingly pleased with his intelligence and satisfactory progress even in this little time. He can already read English better than one of the elder Greek pupils could after a year's residence with us. Such is the advantage of early training. I doubt not that his parents have bestowed some care upon his education in Greece, at least in his mother-tongue.

But I have to tell you of the necessity for Joannides'

leaving us, at the expiration
of the three months' notice w.
I gave him yesterday evening.
Some time ago he was detected
in the petty larceny of a
pair of shoes - we strongly
warned him and hoped for
the future. He has since
been detected in a good deal
of deviation from strict truth
& honesty, at various times,
but especially, yesterday, in
altering Psyllas' letter to his
father, (having extorted the
boy's consent & desired him
to keep it secret,) so as to
speak highly of himself, and
request of the father a letter
of thanks to M^r. Ioannides.
Connected with such base
conduct there has always
been, as might have been

expected, a good deal of
prevarication when examined
thereon, and ill feeling towards
the other Greeks instrumental
in his detection. One con-
sequence has been the removal
of Demetrios Negropontes, - (to
whom M. Jomindes showed ^{great} spite
after it had been discovered
that he had taken his share)
and also, I believe, the
premature removal of the
^{other} Negroponts. who came by
to-day's steamer.

I am very sorry to tell
you of this, because I
know you will be as much
pained as we are, who have
been continually, even against
hope, indulging hope of
an improvement in W. J.'s

character, ^{one} who, as far as
intellectual attainments &
capabilities are concerned,
would be to us a most
valuable teacher. But
the sad lack of moral
integrity has already in-
jured the institution, (I
trust only temporarily,)
and now obliges us to
part with him.

He will not return to
Greece, but will go to
Europe, in the summer.

May his heart yet be
changed, like that of many
of his fellow countrymen of
D.D.!

Excuse this haste,
and with our united affectional
regards,
Believe me, Dear Mr. [?]
Very sincerely yours
R. E. Bryan.