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Dear Sir

I am much gratified by your {writ} that I should write something about Matthew Arnold for your Series- But I am obliged at once to decline your offer-What little I have to say of him I am now embodying in a paper for Macmillan's Magazine-and although I knew Mr Arnold from a child I {happen}as well as any one in the world yet the particulars of his life, dates, connection, sequences I really do not know- without real accuracy in his matters a biography is worthless; & to strain accurate information on his points would cost more time & trouble, to not say {how} the thing

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is worth, but more than it is in my power to give it-

With many thanks believe me to be

Your faithful servant

Coleridge

Frank T. {?Margrat}Esq