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Point Loma, California,
November 8, 1931.

Dr. Casey Wood,
London, England,

Dear Dr. Wood:

I have to acknowledge receipt of, and to thank you for your splendid Bibliography of Vertebrate Zoology. It is a magnificnet work and I am much pleased to add it to my library although it covers a field in which I have not dabbled for a good many years.

For agood many years I have been retired and have devoted my spare time to research in conchology, publishing occasional papers on the systematic side. Since we met and looked into an ostrich eye many years ago I have acted as conchologist and surgeon to a Stanford Expedition to Northern Brazil under my old Cornell classmate, Dr. Branner; also in the same capacity on a three months cruise in the Gulf of California for the California Academy of Science in San Francisco. Then my wife and I started to go around the world in 1913 but were held up in Singapore by the mutiny of an Indian regiment, so branched off into French Indo-China and finally, reached home in 1915 after twenty-three months of extensive wandering in the mid-Pacific and the Orient.

Have been living quietly at home since 1921 when I went to the Gulf, as my wife has developed Angina Pectoris. While in Japan in 1914 I developed cataracts. By proplonged rest and the use of Dionin I managed to slow them down so that I was able to work until about a year ago. Last May 1st I went into hospital for an operation performed by our best operator, a woman surgeon, Dr, May Turner Riach. It was a success though complicated by an old Irido-Cyclitis of which I knew nothing, probably a hold-over from a deperate Typhoid of over forty years ago. I now have barely under normal vision and am able to do my work very well indeed, a new world, which I hopp to enjoy for a good many years although I shall be seventy-eight next January.

Thanking you again for remembering me, I am

Very sincerely yours

Fred. Baker.

2 February, 1932.

Dr. Fred Baker,
Point Loma,
California.

Dear Dr. Baker:

Very glad to receive yours of November 8th, forwarded to me from London. We left England in November arriving, by way of the Panama Canal, in Pasadena just before Christmas. I expect to settle in this city for a year or two and write to say that if and when you come to this neighborhood I hope you will make me a call. It would be a great pleasure to talk over a number of subjects in which we have a common interest.

I think you are very lucky in coming out of your cataract experiences as well as you have done, and I trust that you will enjoy good eyesight to come.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Casey A. Wood

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