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Dear Dr. Wood :-

I hope you received the samples of colour printing from the various people to whom I wrote.

Miss Knobel employs John Bale and Daniellsson for the Avicultural Magazine, and Mr. Sclater approves of them. Mr. Bannerman employs Ponton Ltd. of Glasgow, and thinks much of their work. He has given me a sample of some birds they are doing for the book on which he is at present working and I am sending it to you by separate post. He asks me to say the work is not yet published and he would be glad if you would kindly regard the plate as confidential. Mr. Sclater also approves of this firm. The other firm - the Sun Engraving Co. they neither of them like much (Mr. Sclater or Mr. Bannerman). Mr. Clemitson, the manager, telephoned me the other day and said he was sending you samples. In case of any of their letters to you going astray, their addresses are as follows :-

1. John Bale and Daniellsson Ltd.
85 Great Tichfield Street,
London, W.1.

2. G. and G. Ponton Ltd.
468 Cathedral Street,
Glasgow.

3. The Sun Engraving Co. Ltd.
(Manager - Mr. Clemitson),
Milford House,
Milford Lane,
London, W.C.2.

I am so very sorry not to have written you myself before now. I am doing "odd jobs" for several people" and it seems to take up more of my time than a regular post.

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Miss Eyre telephoned my maid while I was in hospital and said then that she had not been well but was quite fit again.

I have just telephoned her and am horrified to hear the news. Her maid answered the telephone and told me that she is in a mental home at Camberwell (as probably you already know). She had been better but for the last five days she has had a relapse. Her two sisters are in London, and as soon as I can get in touch with them (I hope to-day) I will write you what they have to say of her. I am so dreadfully sorry. She was so sweet when I went to have tea with her some time ago and was full of joy in the work she was doing for her church and the poor people around her.

I do hope you are still thinking of coming to England. We have had such wonderful weather until the last two days and now it has turned to rain.

I am so pleased to hear that you are hoping to get out another volume of the Coloured Plates of the Birds of Ceylon. I do not doubt that you are managing to find much to do .

I hope Mrs. Wood and Miss Fyfe and you yourself are all keeping well and that you really have benefited by your stay in Ceylon.

I know I shall have your sympathy in this ! I have had to have my dog put to sleep after his having been my constant companion for thirteen years. What faithful companions they are. I wonder if you have your parrot with you ?

As soon as I have more news of Miss Eyre I will let you know at once.

Yours sincerely,

Lilian M. Burke.

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Dear Dr. Wood :-

Regarding my letter written earlier to-day :- I have just spoken to one of Miss Eyre's sisters on the telephone. She was not pleased that I had been told that Miss Eyre is in a mental home, and asks me only to say that she has had a serious nervous breakdown. I feel sure you will understand and I write you this so that you may know before writing to them how they feel about it.

Miss Eyre's sister (I do not know her name) says that they have both come over here to stay until their sister is well enough to be taken back to America and they will not go until she goes with them. They have good doctors attending her and they are told that she may be well again in a few months or it may take longer, but they do not doubt that she will in time be quite fit again. She is so terribly thin and they are doing all they can to help her to put on weight and when she has done that they expect a good recovery. Her sisters have taken over her flat until next February.

They ask me to say how grateful they are to you and Mrs. Wood for your concern about their sister and they much hope to meet you before they return to America.

I have of course offered to do what I can for them if they feel I can be of any help, but of course as they do not know me I am sure they will never suggest it. If you think I can relieve them by taking over some of their secretarial work I do hope you will tell them that I will do it willingly. I feel so sorry for them.

If I have any further news I will write you again.

Yours sincerely,

Lilian M. Baker.