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My dear D. Casey Wood

Both Mrs Blackader and myself were much grieved at the news of your ill health, and sympathize greatly with you in your imprisonment in Chilly London, prevented from enjoying all the glories of Rome. I can only add that I hope you will take your imprisonment quietly, and thus accomplish the complete restoration of health which all your friends hope for you. In my own case I found that it was the complete rest which gave the best results. The broken rest was irritating and most disappointing. I made no progress; indeed, I felt I was becoming more & more breathless, until I spent the greater portion of the day in the recumbent position —

I still take regularly my old pills containing quinine & strychnine and digitalis, and feel I owe much to them. I can sleep well and enjoy my desk work for the greater part of each day, and at present my pulse and pulse pressure are almost normal.

I have just completed my two special articles for our November issue of the journal and am reading Barker's lectures on the relation of Dermatology to internal Medicine for our December issue - I resigned from the Editorship at the last annual meeting of our Society, and now enjoying the privilege of a free choice - and aim to supply one or two special reviews for each issue -

We had a very interesting luncheon at McGill last week which passed off very satisfactorily - when McGill conferred the title of LL.D. on the Hon Ramsay MacDonald -

In his address he emphasized the value of the cultivating the imagination - and recommended the students to read Sir Walter Scott's novels when they were tired - I am glad he did not recommend the modern novel turned out at a rapid rate at so much a page - either -

I suppose you will be reading the Bryce's four volumes of poetry on Beauty - which I notice is very highly spoken of in the Times - I wonder how many readers it will have in the rush of the present day - Four volume books might suit Early Victorian days - but must lack a high standard of beauty to read today except by the few -

I had tea the other day with Dr Osler in the Library - The plans for the new additions to the library are I understand

that it will be several years before

awaiting the result of the drive
in January for an additional ten
millions for McGill - will she get it?
Lomer's idea is to have the entrance &
the library altered to McDavish St
and the additions to extend toward the
Campus - one or two wings, and ultimately
to make a quadrangle.

I trust they may have a better
architect - and a more thoughtful
committee than they had when the
last addition was made -

Excuse this rambling note. We shall
often think of you - formerly as a roving
bird in sunny seas - now a prisoner
in London under dark Northern skies -
but you and Mrs Wood will have our
frequent thoughts and our best wishes

Yours truly
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My dear Dr. Blackader:-

Very glad indeed to hear from you and to read the flattering but wholly deserved tribute in the Association Journal for October. As a matter of fact A.G.N. did not say half enough about you.

I fear that I shall not be able to read Dr. Bridge's 4 volumes on 'Beauty'. I have no doubt it is a wonderful production but we have so many beauties running about the streets here that it seems unnecessary to absorbe time in the literary aspect of the question.

I hope that Lomer's plans for an enlarged library building will come to fruition, but I imagine that it will be several years before that is accomplished. I know perfectly well that the present buildings are crowded and the situation will grow worse steadily unless relieved by proper additions to the present stackroom.

Mrs. Wood joins me in kindest regards to Mrs. Blackader and yourself, and I remain

Sincerely yours,

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