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My dear Dr. Wood:

Thank you so much for your kindness to my correspondent. I dare say he will be most grateful for the copy and perhaps he will do a bit to carry on the work you began so auspiciously. This recalls your farewell dinner and reminds me of your fellow countryman, Dr. Gordon Byers, who attended, you will recall. I have just spent a most pleasant week with him at the new Seigniory Club fifty miles east of Ottawa, during the meeting of the American Ophthalmological Society, at which he presided in the best manner possible.

Here your immediate colleagues are about all nearly "out of it." Neither Wilder, Wescott or Pusey have operated for some years; Wilder has a bad Parkinson's, Wescott has an angina and Pusey just figures it means too much stress and strain, I guess. Gradle is my most active and energetic competitor. Beard's son is head of department at Illinois.

I am trying to see how much of a real continental university eye clinic can be developed at the University of Chicago, where some 20-22 millions have been given to biology and medicine. I am on half time, as is my first assistant but in my full time staff I have had up to $9,000 for another man, $5,000 for the next, and $3,000 for another, $1,800 for a fourth and so on down. I make my first three practically coordinate in opportunity and responsibility, give them all the operative work, alternating them through six months each of such service, six months teaching = one-half day, and six months of assisting the service men. It is a great opportunity and gives each one twelve months of unbroken half-days out of every eighteen months for investigation.

My sincere congratulations that your Vatican find is turning out so important and in general that your health and opportunity have given a chance to your inborn industry to carry on in such a pleasant and productive field of ophthalmology, and with best wishes,

Sincerely,

W. L. Brown

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