Casey A. Wood Collection

Bari-ni-Savu Plantation,
Kandavu, Fiji, Oct. 19th 24.

Dr. Casey Wood:

Dear Sir,- Nearly a year ago I was the pleasently surprized recipient of your letter. Sending it to me was certainly a great kindness on your part. Since I learned that you are writing the life of Dr. Felix Oswald, that uncompromising advocate of healthful living and opponent of artificial methods of cure, I feel our outlook must be akin.

Though you do not say so I hope your wide studies brought great progress in the study of birds' eyesigh Since their vision is immaculate they must, as I hold, be highly instinctive creatures; since there are no direct fibres in their optic tracts vision with them must be truly panoramic always except when they cock their heads and use one eye only. In fact Lindsay Johnson (Proc. Roy. Soc. 1900) has shown, I think, that only anthropoids and man have true maculae, & therefore, can concentrate, oth hemispheres on attention to a single point almost to the exclusion of all else within the visual field. I have often tried to acct for the great relative development of the archipallium in birds but with no success. v.Hess's determination that they are susceptible to ultra-violet rays which do not affect reptiles etc and man may be explained by their constant ∅ interest in the empyrean.

I am at present applying my discoveries in panoramic vision (J. of Physiol. '18, 19, 20) in their bearing on the interworking of the brain-halves; also studying the nervous system of primitives.

Attribute the lateness of this acknowledgement, and these sincere thanks for your letter to the "malua" (a little while) of Fiji.

Yours sincerely, W.M.Coleman

Walter M. Coleman

Yours

P.S.

The pathological bearings of unbalanced vision, I discussed in the April number '18r- or '19 ?) of The American Journal of Clinical Medicine, Chicago.