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Dr. Casey Wood,
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My dear Sir,

Your handsome monograph on the fundus oculi of birds, a copy of which you very kindly sent to me, arrived when I was prevented by illness from attending to various duties. Among the many interesting findings which it records, I have noted your statement that fluids instilled into the eye run immediately into the throat, to produce the same systemic effects that they would if administered through the mouth. Have you chanced to read Fontana's experiments with "cherry-laurel" in 1781, in which the same thing occurred in his pigeons? But Fontana regarded the conjunctiva merely as a sensitive area, and knew nothing of the explanation which you have provided.

Congratulating you upon completing so difficult a research, and regretting that I have not, before this, acknowledged your generous gift, I am

Sincerely yours

Frederic T. Lewis