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Dear Dodds:

I am most grateful for your letter of August 2nd, and I think I should explain myself to you, in view of our long association.

The fact is that I have not recovered entirely from my feebleness of body following my near-bout with the angels, and I'm not certain that I shall recover completely. However, I believe that somewhat more time and patience will be required to tell me just what to expect.

Some time ago (about three years, in fact), I had some middle ear trouble (it occurred spontaneously, it seems) which brought on a considerable degree of imbalance. This has improved to a point at which it seems likely to persist, and to my very great chagrin, I am no longer as active in a trout stream as I should be to do effective fly-fishing. I am not planning to return to the West American Wilderness until I am better balanced. Not only is the pleasure of fly-fishing greatly diminished, but also it is a bit of a risk which gives Lucile much too much concern when and if I head for the mountains and wilds. My other problem, aside from a certain unreliability (lack of memory, reactivity and a degree of emotional instability) is a fair degree of visual impairment (a very slow development of cataract, with need for overmuch illumination for reading).

On this account, I feel much safer at home or very near home than abroad. I'm working daily, at not too heavy a pace, and I am optimistic about the future, despite a certain caution which I know, is not much in character. I can well afford to stay at my desk, as much as possible for I have much to do by way of publishing some of the things that have been dealt with a bit too briefly and sketchily, or not at all. This, fortunately, I can do, without getting into an intense state of mind.

Again, let me say how nice it was to hear from you, and I shall look forward to seeing you without undue delay.

Sincerely,

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