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My dear Ray:

You will probably think that I have disappeared completely during the weeks since you have hear from me. You are not far from right for I have not emerged yet from the work which I found waiting for me when I came home. The deluge continued until last week when I finally gave up the ghost and went home and went to bed with the gripe, having decided just before doing this that it was useless to try to catch up with things anyway.

Thanks very much for sending me the two one hundred franc notes. They were my only trophies of the election and my only balm for my chagrin, if it could be called that, over the results of the election. I found that with one exception all of my colleagues in the Faculty of Medicine felt about it exactly as I did. Their reasons were not the same in every case but their conclusions came out in the same place. But so much for the election.

I am writing this on the supposition that you have gotten away from Paris by this time and that you are now leading a life of sobriety and regularity. Before I go any further with this note I want to ask you to extend my very kindest regards and best wishes to my good friends at Queen Anne's Gate, especially to Mr. Tegner and Mr. Paul. I shall never forget their many kindnesses and courtesies to me and I should be more than happy to hear from them and from you from time to time as you have an opportunity to drop me a line.

At the present moment I have no idea of what will take place on the continent during the next six months or a year. The European group came to the United States and so far as I know left it without deciding or without even discussing with the Ethyl Gasoline group their future program as regards Ethyl Gasoline. Meantime conditions and problems in the United States are sufficiently important to require the undivided attention of the Ethyl Gasoline group so that they are not at all likely to extend themselves very vigorously toward the Continent for some time. I have not heard anything from Paris as to what may have been the final attitude or point of view of the

Public Health men whom I interviewed there. M. Dessue did not write to me as he indicated he would so that I have no news of any kind. I am not at all certain, therefore, that our time spent in France really accomplished anything. In this situation, if you are able to get any information of any kind from Paris or elsewhere on the Continent, I would be very glad if you will pass it on to me.

I have not seen Sam Heron since coming home but I am expecting to see him in the next week or two. He has been very busy and has been out of Dayton for a short time, and I have been busier and have not been anywhere. I hope to have him down for a week end soon, when we will be able to talk to our own satisfaction.

I can think of nothing of further consequence and I am remembering your philosophy of not talking when one has nothing to say. I bring this to an abrupt close, therefore, only extending it to wish you the very best of everything including a happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year. Please remember me to your mother and do not forget to say hello for me to my friends in London. Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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