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Dear Dr. Curdson

No doubt you are inundated
with letters now that the biography
is an accomplished fact.

But this letter from Joseph
Collins will, I think, interest
you so I send it on. Do
not trouble to return it.

I have not yet received my
copy, and it is not on sale
in Ottawa but when I have
read it, I will write you -
I wish "whatever feeds there be"

would bring you to Ottawa
so that we might "talk of
many things" -
I am struggling along. Physically
very well, playing tennis, and
fuel of beans. I think I can
say that I have not had
ten minutes of depression since my
accident. It should have been
devastating, but it seems to have
been stormating. Perhaps I
needed a couple of fractures of the
skull to let the light in.
My last book of poetry is
practically out of print. Am
correcting the proofs now of a lyrical

drama called "Sappho" - in which
my beloved Sappho is the principal
figure. Macmillans is publishing
it this spring. I warned them
against it, seeing that they are
not a Philanthropic Society and
it is not meant for the public.

However, they said they wanted
to put their imprint on it.
I am working now on a book
of verses for children which I
hope to get ready for them for
next June. But, we keep
open house and "The world is
too much with us" and
soon, especially "Lats" - and it
makes it difficult to work.

Some day book came out I have been
made a Vice President of the Poetry
Society of England and the Councillor
for Canada, and recently, when the
Poetry Society of Canada was formed
a Vice President for Canada - Uncle
Willie would have been pleased about
that. It was his desire from the
time of my childhood, that I should
make literature my God-star. I
only wanted to play - and live - on
those days, and for long after, but -
as I knew best -

Have you read Arrowsmith by Sinclair
Lewis? What a remarkable idea from
the author of Babbalanza and Main St!
Not entirely fair to the Medical Profession
but he was under the dominating influence
of Dr de Kruif - a sinister person -
Fare Thee Well - and all success for the
book - yr. Wm. O'Shannon