

Nov. 20/30

Dear O'Casey Wood.

PETROGRAPHICAL LABORATORY,
MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
MONTREAL.

I have received your letters of
Oct. 5th from Heidelberg and that of Nov. 1st
from the Villa Rustica - also later the
note of Nov. 4th from the Hotel Eden - with
the Table Page of the *Magnum Opus* which
looks excellently and will be a great
contribution when it is out - you have
certainly been "speeding up" & get
such big work out in so short a
time. You will enjoy your stay in
Rome this winter although you have
already skimmed off the thickest cream
in former visits - I would like to
make another visit myself and have
another look around at the book shops altho'
I do not think they now have much that
would interest me - for my work. And I

having with Olshaker. I always
feel when dealing with him that
he is endeavoring to get the last cent out
of me so that I always avoid his
shop when I can get what I want
anywhere else. I like the mined bookshelves
much better. However he has to live. But
I do not care to have him live off me to
any greater extent than possible.

I should like very much to see what the
chance in Vienna but could not get
there last summer.

Things at Mc Gill are going on apparently
pretty well - a number of new men are
arriving for the staff as seem to be bright
young fellows - a free professor of chemistry?
has now been appointed & is giving regular
courses. He seems to be a good man & has
had I understand quite a distinguished career
I have met him but will be long gone

a good talk with him -
I think they gave a talk to about
40 members of the Biological group of
professional people from the Mc Gill
staff a few evenings since. They
a good talk and I thought they were
a good looking lot of intelligent men,
well up in their work and with the
appearance of being motivated persons.

I hear nothing of Currie leaving the
University - now or in the future &
do not believe there is any such intention on
his part or on that of the Governors.

The depression has of course prevented any steps
being taken to seek additional endowments
for university expansion & endowment. But
Canada is standing up under these
world wide conditions better than any other
country in the world - not excepting the
U.S.A. - and when things "come back"

would like to learn some more Italian.
 I have added a few more books to my
 collection and have now about 650 old
 geological titles - going out of my way
 for a bargain in your line. I got recently
 from Vienna an excellent fully illustrated
 (colored) albertus Magnus "Thierbuch"
 Frankfurt 1545 A.D. in stamped paper
 & in a perfect state. additional works are
 being offered (and accepted) almost every
 month & my collection is rather rapidly
 growing. after reading continuously for
 the past few years I am now commencing
 - slowly - to do some writing which has
 the effect of compacting & clarifying ones
 knowledge & making it far more accurate,
 as Bacon says. It will be however
 some considerable time yet before I
 have anything ready for publication -
 I can imagine the good time you are

and has said on planning - we can
stop talking "Trade patriotism" &
develop an attitude to our own
advantage & look for imperial
connections in some different line
of action.

Well I must close - I am off to
a meeting of the Greenfield Russian
in which I am interested.

Please give Mr. Casey Word our very
best wishes - i.e. those of Mr. Adams &
myself. We hope to have the pleasure
of seeing you both before many
months - With the same very best
wishes for yourself. I remain

Yours very sincerely

Frank D. Adams

additional funds will no doubt be found for University needs.

I feel somewhat as you do about England but of course she has several times in the past, had a 'down & out' look

I has recovered in a wonderful manner. The Imperial Conference failure was also to be regretted but it seems to me that it has had a distinct value in letting us know definitely that G. B. does not care to make any reciprocal trading arrangements with us but thinks we had better each go our own way in these industrial

trade matters. It has always seemed to me that these preferences which we gave to G. B. was really little more than a gesture of good will & desire to go further if she would reciprocate but now that we know she will not

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Dear Dr. Carey Wood.

I received your welcome letter
of Aug. 23rd and am glad to know
that my catalogue clippings have
been of service to you.

I have been getting a few more books
that will be of interest to you when you
make us your next visit. I shall be
very glad to forward anything else
that I think will be of interest to you.

Some few months ago I wanted to
look up something in the Hortus

I thought that we discussed this
book when you were here & you
said that all the editions were
different & that we have three or
four copies in the Redpath library.
I am enclosing a reference to a copy
for sale (at a high price?) by Taubert &
Neill.

I am immensely interested to know
that Mr. Blackett has given another
\$35,000 this year. It is excellent
news & will be great things

for the library & for M^r Gill.

I have been working hard for some
weeks trying to get through the
immense amount of detailed work
required to complete a somewhat
extended paper which I am writing
on the Geology of Ceylon & which I
wish to send to the printer this winter.
It will present for the first time a
general geological map of the island,
an explanation of its structure &
a large contribution to the chemical
constitution of the rocks of the Island.

Sanitatus". I have a copy of
about 1528 myself. But as
you said when we were talking
about it when you were here, all
copies showed certain differences &
wanted to correct an other edition.

On applying at the Bodleian Library
they were told (after a careful search)
that they had no copy of the work
except a recent German translation
which I have myself & which contains
nothing about herbs & minerals.

I am very glad to know your
future plans for further
exploration of the planet - The
Balearic Islands & Cyprus sound
excellent. Dr. A. & I will probably
leave New York for Sicily about the
end of March & then sometime later
go to Greece - Then to Rome -
The International Geological Congress
meets in Africa in the following
summer - Whether we shall go then
or not we must decide within
the next few days.

Possibly we may correspond sometime
during the coming year as I
hope sincerely may be the case.
I am sending you a paper on Tui
in N-alaya which has just come
out -

Wm Adams to send best wishes
to your good wife & to you -
Yours most sincerely
Frank D. Adams

October 27, 1929

Dr. Frank Adams,
Department of Geology,
McGill University,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Frank Adams:-

Your long and interesting letter of October 17th is just received. I am glad to report progress and am feeling much better.

I shall be glad to have your book on the Geology of Ceylon and will later send you a list of addresses of people who, in my judgment, would appreciate the work.

I am glad that a copy of the Nuremburg Chronicle is accessible to McGill students. It is one of those titles that ought to be in every good library.

Although I hope to finish my work next year, yet I feel that I must take it easy in the meantime, and I intend to do so.

I shall be glad to have full titles of any further works in your library bearing on Vertebrate Zoology, and will file the Valentini slip.

With best regards to you both from all of us,
I remain

Sincerely yours,

DR. CASEY WOOD,
ZOOLOGICAL LIBRARY,
BRITISH MUSEUM, (NATURAL HISTORY),
GROMWELL ROAD,
LONDON, S.W. 7.

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October 17/29

G. Casey Wood
Author's Club
London, S. W. 1

Dear G. Casey Wood -

Many thanks for your very welcome and interesting letter of Sept. 28th - I am so very glad to know that you are better and will probably, by the time that this reaches you, be your old self again - I "have noted" your advice about looking after my health because I am "not so young as I used to be". Like all other good advice it will probably not be acted upon until I get a "crack" which definitely and clearly directs my attention to the fact in a way that can no longer be ignored. I do not yet feel old enough to stop. Many thanks for your excellent advice however!!

I saw Lomes & told him that you were well established & had at work as usual certainly finish your great undertaking on schedule time (D.V.). I have also been

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On the 20th Librarian I spent some
with S. Francis. All the books are now installed
everything is under weigh. Francis is a real acquisition
to the University being a man who really knows about
old books in all their aspects and has had long practical
experience with them. He was much interested &
pleased with my copy of the Nuremberg Chronicle
(of which I spoke to you). It is the only copy in the
University. It had attracted a good deal of attention.
S. Francis made a thorough collation of it for me &
pointed out several things about it which I had not
observed. All my old books arrived safely & are now
on my shelves.

I have met Sir Arthur Currie twice but have not as yet
had any long talks with him. He looks better than
I have ever seen him look, being a little thinner. He
says that he is going to show all those people who have
been saying that he has lost his "pep" that they are
absolutely & entirely wrong. This is as far as I have got
in the diagnosis of the situation but the next few months
will show what matters are to develop.

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MONTREAL.

My work on the geology of Ceylon is now in press & will be distributed in January. There is a geological map of Ceylon, 8 pp. of illustrations besides blocks & plates - & 100 closely printed pp. of text. I feel well pleased with it & will send you a copy as soon as it comes off the press. It is divided between two numbers of the new Canadian Journal of Research - a really good publication the first really good journal for physical & natural sciences which we have had in Canada. It is published by the Natural Research Council of Canada monthly & will probably be extended shortly. The "separates" of which I am having a considerable number struck off will appear as one small volume. I want to get as wide a distribution as possible of this paper in Ceylon & will be glad if you will give me a list of names of people or bodies in Ceylon to whom I should send copies. I should like to get copies into any libraries there where they may remain there for permanent consultation.

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As a new book - a one which I have got since you saw
my list I may mention Valentini's Natur & Materialien
Kammer - I am enclosing a slip giving
full information about it.
If I find others I will write to you about them.
We have had a beautiful fall - warm &
very bright.

Now I must close with best wishes for Mr. Ward
& for you in all of what Mr. Adams joins.

Yours very sincerely

Frank D. Adams

Valentini. D. Michel Bernhard.
Schaubühne oder.
Natur und Materialien Kammer
auch Ost-Indianische Send Schreiben
Schreiben & Rapporter
Vol. 2^a Edit. Frankfurt am Main
1714. [25] + 520 pp. & many Cuts
Minerals, Plants & Animals are described & illustrated
the "dritter Buch" = pp. 417 to 520 are on animals with many
most excellent pictures

Galanti - 13 Rue Pierre Ducreux - Paris

In addition to Baer in Frankfurt

I also find a good man in

J. St. Goar - Neue Mainzerstrasse

Frankfurt.

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You probably know Hermann & Co

6 Rue de la Sorbonne - Paris

from whom I have good a number
of fairly good books at different
times

With very best wishes I remain

Yours very sincerely

Frank D. Adams

28 Linden Gardens

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Sept. 26/31

Dear Dr Casey Wood.

It was indeed a great pleasure
to see you again the other night
as to find that you were looking so
well after such an enormous task,
as that which you have just brought
to a satisfactory conclusion.

I promised to send you the name
of the Antiquariat in Paris - it is
E. Nowory - 62 Rue des Ecoles - Paris.

I learn that there is one other man who
has books in Paris. He is said to charge very
high prices &
He is

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MONTREAL.

September 21st, 1928.

Dr. Casey Wood,
Stanford University Post Office,
California.

Ans Oct 3.28

Dear Dr. Casey Wood:-

I have just received your welcome letter of September 11th. and have, as you suggested, looked in the Catalogue of the University Library for a copy of the Hortus Sanitatis under the caption Cube, Johann von. His name does not appear in the University Catalogue and therefore, so far as I can see, we have no copy of the Hortus Sanitatis in the Library except a recent German translation of the first printed edition.

I am sending your note on to Dr. Lomer telling him that I am writing to you to this effect, so that if he desire to communicate with you in reference to the matter he is in possession of the facts. When at the Library this morning I tried to see him, but found that he was not in.

Mrs. Adams joins in greetings.

Yours sincerely,

Frank D. Adams

Fifteenth August

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Dr. Frank Adams,
1175 Mountain Street,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Dr. Adams:

I can make only a wild guess as to the present residence of Mrs. Adams and yourself, and to wonder what part of the earth you are visiting at the moment, but I write at a venture to Montreal partly to thank you for several catalogues and partly to report progress. We are having a perfectly wonderful summer here, remarkably cool, sunshiny weather, lots of new and old friends and I am able to do a little work at the California Institute of Technology with which I have been connected and where I have had a desk for the past six months.

We have met at dinner and elsewhere several of your geological friends, among them Dr. William M. Davis, Emeritus Professor of Geology at Harvard. He is as young and jolly as ever (act. 80) and still goes about the country with his rock hammer, giving lectures, etc. He was much interested in your book hunting schemes and asked to be remembered when I next wrote you.

In this connection you will, I am sure, be pleased to learn that I have ordered from Maggs and hope to get the very rare Haarlem edition of Bartholomaeus Anglicus' DE PROPRIETATIBUS RERUM, printed by Jacob Bellaert, 1485. The Dutch title is BOECK VAN DEN PROPRIETEXTEN DER DINGHEN, Hain 2522. If it is not sold, I have acquired this rare item at a bargain. The woodcuts are mostly contemporaneously colored and the binding is of same date.

As you know, this early encyclopaedia has a chapter or two on mineralogy and was one of the first incunabula to take up extensively vertebrate Zoology.

The Olympic Games are just finished. The Canadians made a good showing and the whole affair was an outstanding success.

We went over to Hollywood last week to visit a famous Montrealer, my wife's niece, Norma Shearer, now among the film stars of the first magnitude. She gave us a "bang-up" luncheon, we were admitted to the "holy of holies," her studio, and saw her perform in a "set" now getting ready for the stage. We met and were introduced to several other constellations and altogether had a very good time.

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I am sending off about a package a week of books given me (or that I bought) for the various McGill libraries - but you must see the Dutch Bartholomew if and when it arrives from Naggs in September.

My wife joins me in all good wishes.

Ever yours,

Casey H. Wood

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