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Jean Astruc (continued).

"and that is the reason why they have become so rare at present." Altogether, I feel that we should accept the charitable opinion of our President on the distinguished author of the Conjectures.

(Dr. Norman Moore)

Then followed this letter from Sir Alexander Simpson:-

52, Queen Street,
Edinburgh.

June 15, 1915.

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Dear Osler,

Here is Jean Astruc for you in complete form.

Without your impulse he would have remained so far as I knew him in the dark.

Can you kindly send me on a p.c. the name and address of the young clerical Don who was at the meeting? Not Dr. Buchanan Gray.

Yours very faithfully,

A. R. SIMPSON.

Professor
From/A.R.S. Kennedy.to W.O.

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33, Fountainhall Road,
Edinburgh.

Dear Sir William,

I have hunted through all my repositories of ancient "stuff" but have failed to find single copies of the two articles on Jean Astruc, which I wrote for "The Expository Times" twenty years ago. (Oct. 1896 - your letter states).

I have only the bound volume for the year 1896-1897, which I lent to Sir Alexander Simpson. No doubt he would send it you, if you still care to see my handiwork.

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As a Professor/Hebrew, it was of course his epoch-making "Conjectures" that I was interested in and to which my second article is entirely devoted. But I was interested in the man of whom I could, at the time, find nothing very informing. So I delved around in the British Museum, and even