

Sic. Aquila

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Dear Dr. MacMechan,

I am slow in thanking you for your letter & "Hfasi in Ukraina Shule". I had read it a couple of times before but enjoyed it even more the third time. Of course I know the country & that add interest but the language is very beautiful & mellifluous like the Sans of Kish (?). I'll have prokhat & paracastie that in 50 years or so these words of yours will be studied for style & word painting. You have not sacrificed your gift for worldly good and it is bound to gladden when future seekers will amaze the much. I have been enjoying many things: Reddall's Memoirs, Luger's Essays. Guedella's Second Empire



77 Strachey's <sup>early</sup> ~~Concise~~ Victorian, Cook's  
Flower Nightingale, Marston's  
England after War 180 on. It has  
all been a great mental feast  
after 3 dry years of enforced  
jurisprudence. At present I am  
deep in Well's Outline of History  
and find it most absorbing. Surely  
that is a great mental accomplish-  
ment! I find the gloomy Dean  
very intriguing: one cannot  
but admire his vast erudition  
& his logic seems for the most  
part unimpeachable. The outlook  
though is not made to appear  
too hopeful if one considers the  
immediate future only. What  
a repulsive figure Strachey's  
makes Manning to appear! One  
is forced to conjure up a mix-  
ture of Richelieu & Judas. This  
worthy aspirant Napoleon III. seems



2 to have been considerably ahead of his  
times: his dominant idea seems to have  
been a league of Nations though his  
practices may have been otherwise.  
He didn't do too badly taking it all  
in all & even Sedan seems to have  
been impelled by a sense of the  
humane. I read "By an unknown Dis-  
ciple" recently & liked it very much  
especially as I had just read "The Passion  
of our Lord" by Cardinal de Lai; the latter,  
to my mind, does not appeal too strongly  
to the intellect, though the story is  
beautifully told. For the past month  
I've been doing two hours of French  
a day & renewing my acquaintance  
with old enemies such as past participles,  
subjunctives & the like pests. I make  
fair progress & hope by the end of  
the summer to be holdingly proficient!  
I have learned at any rate to chant  
with the sycophant "Cami

De fait en fait à haut point de val  
Je me porte de mieux en mieux.  
And, as a matter of fact, je me porte  
beaucoup mieux qu'auparavant ce fait  
longtemps avant que je me porte  
haut à fait bien. In the meantime  
however life has its campulabrous  
kane is still able to turn into  
line, if not <sup>if not</sup> roaring out, at least humming  
hopefully "Pack up your troubles &  
& thereby hangs a tale. A bientôt

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