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Aix-les-Bains, le 5 Dec. 1903

My good & dear Taverisot,
A belated copy of
the Dallouise paper has just
reached me and I learn for
the first time that that noble
gentleman Howard Murray has
passed away. I hope his passing
was as tranquil & serene
as befitted the purity & high
purpose of his life. He with
you have stamped upon many
of us high traditions and though
some of us may not have
kept an even pace in all cir-
cumstances yet few of us
will have forgotten or failed
to benefit by the courtesies &
kindliness of your admonitions.
I remember well how hardy
stricken you were by the deaths
of John Lonsdale & Eben McKay.
I fear though that Howard's
absence will hurt you more. Then,



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may I say, I grieve for you in
your lone liness. A great Comrade
has gone and what a great spirit
You would render me a
service were you to convey my
sympathy to his widow & to his
sister, Mrs. Hensley, as I remember.
It was over a year before I
knew that his husband had died
as I would have written her &
Marion.

Now, as to myself: your
note during my illness did not
pass by unnoticed: it helped me
to fight. I pulled through but
I very nearly followed my dear
friend "Toker" Lyons. During my
convalescence the doctor dis-
covered several small pieces of
of shrapnel behind my left ear
and in my scalp. These I
had removed in September and
am pretty well cleaned up



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saw save for some to add
minuscule bits remaining in the
high. These are giving me no
trouble temporarily and I am
in such restored health that I
can do four - five hours study
a day without undue fatigue.
My studies consist solely of
contemporary events and I regret
to say that I see war clouds
gathering ominously.
I would like to have some
definite aim in my studies &
to please my father and those
who do not consider ill of me,
I would like to work for
some reward. Is it possible
for me from this distance to
gain a Ph.D. from Dalhousie?
I have ordered the new ^{English} Encyclopaedia
Britannica to be delivered to me
& can always delve into that, but,
if I mistake me not, the Ph.D. degree



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demands a particular and severe course of study. However I think I would be able to face it on the lines of determination that Jack Cahau conjured up for his "come-back." I feel stronger mentally & physically now but not equal to tackling my profession which however was never of my choice. Could I harness my daily studies of current events to the academic purpose I have outlined? How; I know you will understand me and give me understanding, the which I await.

Christmas is upon us again & to your dear Bobb and to Jean, Grace and Polly & their husbands & children. Today James sends greetings and a wish for happiness to all.

Very Sincerely &
affectionately,
Owala.