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Ottawa, November 21, 1914.

Dear Lord Grey:

I was sorry to learn by your letter of the 2nd instant, received this week that at the time of writing you were confined to your room. I fear the anxieties of this war, following the strain of years of unremitting work, are beginning to exact toll of your wonderful energy and vitality. It source is so abounding that rest alone is needed to replenish what may be exhausted. I can therefore only hope that notwithstanding the terrible vicissitudes of the hour, you may still find opportunity of rest, and I pray that it may give restoration of your wonted health and strength.

Your words with reference to my appointment are far, far too generous, but I cherish them, nevertheless. They are but part of the inspiration and encouragement I have received from you ever since it was my privilege to become one of the many in whose well-being and future you have taken an abiding interest.

In directing the work of the investigation of industrial relations for the Rockefeller Foundation, I shall have in mind at all times, projects for the betterment of these relations which have had your endorsement, and which have enjoyed your active sympathy and support.

I thank you for directing my attention to "The Irish Homestead". I have not been receiving this publication, but shall arrange to obtain it, and will study its doctrines with care.

It is indeed kind of you to have handed a paragraph of my letter to Sir Edward Grey. I shall never forget that it was owing to your personal interest and solicitation that I had the great pleasure of getting to know Sir Edward Grey as a friend, and of spending two of the most memorable days of my life as his guest at Northumberland. This acquaintance has meant more to me in the way of inspiration than almost any friendship I have enjoyed with public men, save alone my friendship with Sir Wilfrid and yourself. Had Sir Edward Grey been a brother, I could not have followed with keener interest every step of his great career, nor could I feel at the moment a profounder devotion and regard than that which I entertain toward him. He seems to me the noblest of men, and my life will ever be the richer and better for having enjoyed the hours I was privileged to share with him.

Since you have so kindly forwarded to Sir Edward Grey the paragraph of my letter with regard to neutrals, it has occurred to me that you might be interested in seeing a copy of a personal

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