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Dear Sir Arthur,

During the past year I have been more & more conscious of failing powers. As you know I have been troubled with a form of arthritis for several years. & during this time have been conscious by pain or ache of every step I take, going up stairs, even dressing involve me always an addition of pain. During this year however, my arms have troubled me, & at times lifting them or even blackboard writing cause me a greater expenditure of effort owing to the pain. Other physical effects constantly occur which I will not specify.

The continued effect of this has affected my nerves & mentality. & I have to confess to you, & I have not dared say it to anyone, that I feel that my days as a teacher are numbered, & that the responsibilities I have been asked to undertake are too much for me. In a sense it is humiliating to have to say that mind & memory are so deteriorating. That the thought of a lecture fills me with apprehension. Recently, so acute has this become, that I