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Dr. Roger Graham,
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Dear Roger:

I did not mean the first paragraph in my letter of September 26th very seriously. Enough just to say that I think it better that I see you more rather than less from this on.

I really do not know who Saywell is and never heard of him before. Indeed, I see no reason for looking forward to read any more of his material. Perhaps will be able to tell you more about him when I see Eugene.

No, I have not read the latest effort, and think I have already read enough of Bruce Hutchinson.

Am almost through the second volume of Sir John A. MacDonald's life titled, "The Old Chieftan". It is really a splendid book. The continuously repeated references to his many illnesses really appalled me. I would, indeed, think Sir John paid too much attention to them himself, and the same complaint could be made of his Biographer, perhaps I am wrong. Anyway, his was something of a fascinating life and Creighton has done him fully justice. One thing, throughout the whole book, puzzled me greatly. I cannot imagine how Creighton got all the local data, how he could tell just what the weather looked liked on any given day, and in any given direction. How he found out just how much snow was on Sir John's hat when he arrived home some evening seventy odd years ago, and just the special kind of smile he got from his wife on leaving. It was impossible for me to resist the doubt that some of the pages anyway were more a product of the minds of Dickens, Buckle or Mauley. Anyway, it was a hard book to put down and that is a very good test to apply.

Very truly yours,

Arthur Meighan/d

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