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Dear Sir Arthur,

I feel hesitation in broaching a subject which does not affect, or even concern, myself; but as it touches the interest of a colleague and old friend, I request forgiveness beforehand, if I appear guilty of intrusion or indiscretion. Professor Perrin called to see me two nights ago, and exposed his financial situation with great frankness. The expensive litigation to which he was so wantonly subjected has swallowed up his savings, besides compelling him to borrow money for his costs.

He has indulged the hope that the University might improve his academic status, which would mean some addition to his Carnegie pension. He gives me to understand that his time for withdrawal is very near, — only a year more, I think he said. And, it must be understood, that he acts this not as a charity, — but as some acknowledgment of the fact that he has been persecuted and has suffered unjustly. Feeling that it was a delicate matter, he declined to take steps himself; and it seems to me that he has thus given me more proof of the dignity with which he has borne his long trials. May I add that his letter calls for no reply?

Yours very sincerely
Paul T. Laflaur.