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My dear Dr. Luce:

I am very grateful indeed for your good letter of yesterday.

For much more than a decade, you have been the most energetic and the most tireless advocate that the cause of cooperation among our colleges has had. Such progress as has been made would not have been possible without your patient efforts and your unshaken convictions.

We are not yet out of the woods by quite a distance, but at least we see light ahead, and it seems that at last we have found a road that will lead us to our objective if we can only keep the group together and moving forward. We will continue to count on your wisdom and enthusiasm.

We of the younger generation, who pride ourselves on modern ~~physi-~~ psych-ology and high pressure methods, often think we have made an original discovery when we find that most impossible things can be accomplished if one but has the courage to go ahead with them in spite of innumerable obstacles. Just recently I have realized that this is not a modern discovery at all, but is exactly the same principle upon which Peter succeeded in walking dry-shod on the surface of the sea of Galilee. The only difficulty is that most of us, like Peter, lose our nerve before the job is accomplished; and then, like him, we are "sunk" indeed!

Thanks for the kindly, though undeserved, comments as to my personal share in this cooperation job. It has been a fascinating task, and if we can only see it carried to success, we will be quite willing to say with Omar Khayyam "I'll take the cash and let the credit go".

With warmest regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

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