

Getting again an occasion to communicate with him, I want to ask him something more personal, in addition to my letter of last week.

Even he who has survived the war safely with family and home <sup>unscathed</sup> and 'integer vitae scelerisque purus', has to reconstruct or at least to regain his civil life. It would be a considerable help both for my wife, who bravely bore all the lonely time, and for me in the struggle against daily sorrows and difficulties, if we could have again those innocent stimuli which modern civilized life demands, but which we missed already by years. I mean tea and coffee. If Professor Lowe would be so kind as to have sent one or two libs. of each and the same of cocoa for our children, this would be a more than external aid to us, even when <sup>not</sup> sometimes food rations are rather short. At present I could imagine any better use I could make of my thesaurus abseonditus in the Oxford strong box. We both should be extremely grateful for such a treasure.

And may I mention once more my demand for a certificate concerning my collaboration at CLA and signed by American authorities ( it might perhaps include a commemoration of the Clarendon Press ). Such a document could be very helpful e.g. against the periodic campaigns of the Labour Office ( Arbeitamt ).

Finally I should be indebted, if Professor Lowe could have sent for me prospects of books dealing with medieval subjects that appeared during the last years in America.

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