

2 Balmoral Tower
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My dear Andrew,

Your last very interesting and welcome letter is ~~just~~ to hand; and, as I want to send you some photos, I reply to it at once.

The lines on prayer you were good enough to quote are very beautiful, and very true - I hope you were not lead, by anything in my last letter, to the conclusion that I thought there was no efficacy ^{in prayer} - I have not swerved from the belief I entertained in it long ago and about which we have often talked together of old. Your letter recalls those hours (alas! how distant they sometimes seem!) when we

dwell on this subject - How
well I remember, too, that
meeting of the 'Linowa
Club' when, for once, some
of our personalities stood
very bare and palpitating,
and intellectual drif^t seemed
to weaken and fade away
in the consciousness of those
abyssal depths of individuality
where the soul floats weedy
and alone. For this weariness
and loneliness, so far as I have
thought and felt, there is but
one secret source of strength
and comfort - it is the
communion, articulate or inarticulate,
with the "power not ourselves" which
in supreme moments breaks through
the shadows, mystically full of
some divine sympathy; and we
rise refreshed as from a sleep
full of sweet dreams, and health.

and quiet healing".

With this I send 4
photos of self. They do not
appear very lively, certainly,
but I must ask you to
accept them for what they're
worth. One is for yourself,
of the balance will you
please give one to Biron,
one to Robbie & one to
Lucy & ask them to kindly
accept them through you
with my fraternal regards.
Tell Lucy I am right
glad to hear of his
recovery. I only lately
heard of his severe illness.
I intend to write him
presently, as also Willie.

Will & I are much pleased
to hear that the Fourth
will be greeted in usual
style. I have noted your
suggestion as to sending
something. I should like
to be represented if possible.
In regard to this and other
matters I shall be writing
you again before the banquet.
This is only a short scribble.

Tell Mrs. Clark I can
make every allowance for
her delay and will be
patiently expectant. Love to
her my kindest regards & a
little kiss or two to the "children"
and believe me dear audience
always affectionately yours
O. G. Nathan