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A. ROSS MATHESON, M. D.
ST. JOHN'S PLACE CORNER SEVENTH AVENUE,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Matheson

March 22, 1902

It seems like a fairy tale to read of
your adventures and learn of your trials.
You have realized the fullness of your youthful desires
- not dreams. You have been crowned with honors
you have richly earned, and you have added to the
sum of human knowledge and human happiness.
This has doubtless been at the sacrifice of ease and
comfort and has called for much self denial, privation
and suffering. The sturdy Scotch character and will
know not failure. It is victory or death. You owe much
to the circumstances of your birth in the land of the blue
hill and heather. I congratulate you on the proud
distinction you have achieved and I am glad that
I knew you away back in the years of your youth.
I am pleased to learn that you have a family to lighten
your cares and make your life joyous, at that
period when the toils of life are less arduous.

I have not done very much ⁱⁿ the literary line, I have been
too busy with the active duties of professional life. I now
regret that I did not do more. But I have written a
number of magazine articles viz Cerebro Spinal
Myomyelitis. Epidemic in New York. "Aphasia"
"Injuries to brain." "Typhoid fever" "Hydrophobia"
"Intestinal obstruction" "Puerperal eclampsia."
"Ectopic gestation." "Placenta previa" "Pregnancy
and Cardiac lesions" Myoma and other tumors,
"Pneumonia" Report of Pneumonia and
pleurisy in Methodist Episcopal Hospital, St. Giles
District. Ten years report of Typhoid fever in
Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Various reports of cases
etc etc.
This is but a small expression of the experience and
work of a busy physician ^{of 30 years} during a period of more
than thirty years. It however represents much
labor for I am not a ready writer, I presume if
I had written much more it would have
been less difficult.

If your picture which you sent me represents you as
you appear to day you have not changed

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so much as I care, I should send you a photograph
taken of me by my son up in the farm last
Spring. It is a fairly good picture for a snapshot
I have not had any photos taken excepting

Snapshot for at least 10 years
I was very much interested in what you said
about your brother I should like to meet
him again we had a dinner in New York
a few weeks ago and about 300 graduates
from Ann Arbor were in attendance. President
Coyne was there also Dean Vaughan of the
Medical Department. The University of
Michigan is well represented here

I gave a letter to Mr Forest Towle of this city
for you Mr Towle is a Civil Engineer in the employ
of the Standard Oil Co. He is a graduate of Cornell
also studied at the School of Technology at Troy

CITY RESIDENCE,
37 - 7TH. AVE.
BROOKLYN.

A. ROSS MATHESON, M. D.
BEN ROSS FARM,
POMONA, N. Y.

He informed me that he intended to leave a
pumping station at Martinez and I thought
I should like to have him meet my old friend
John Meier Mr Trol is an excellent

Character Clean honorable and manly and
is held in very high esteem by the Rockfellers.
He is missed here as he is Superintendent
of one of the large Sunday Schools

Well I must not fatigue you this
time. Let me hear from you

Sincerely yours

A Ross Matheson