

Sept. 18, '44.

I think previous letters have explained about sending TARO (Symbol T.) A presentation copy for you, & another for Mrs. O., leave with this. In order to comply with the Ancient Customs of our Venerable Order, I am sending from London next week a presentation copy for A.H.H. (Handel ? T.) with a suitable inscription. You ask about sending you some for sale; but I have no export license. However, I will ask Miss Taylor to find out what can be done about this. And who is Miss Taypor? Not the famous beauty who had the adventure with Abraham Brown the sailor! No, She's 44, sex-life knocked out long ago by tragedy, and so very suited to my needs, which include no IX^o. (Violent excitement & exercise start my heart playing the goat - which is annoying.)

In other ways, age and asthma cooperate to do me down. It is really impossible for me to look after myself in petty boring ways, and this woman can be of infinite service. Excellent shorthand typist, knows a little Magick, & is keen to learn. What one calls a "lady"; very active & sensible; doesn't argue or blunder, doesn't have to be told 333 times to do some simple job. In fact, just what I need to prop my weary limbs. The proposal is for her to give me half her time (more or less) for £2.10.0 or £3.0.0 a week. Obviously, if I can sell a copy of Thoth every week, it would square the account. And with her help in this, it ought to be easy enough. (There are some 140 left; but to bind these needs £140 or near it. If I can get a license, I would send you 50; bound, if I can, if not, in sheets. I would rather keep to the same leather if I can.) In any case there will have to be somebody to look after me a bit, if I am to keep going at all. "The grasshopper is a burden". Last winter it was often so much effort to go to a restaurant - that I preferred to go hungry! Even now, after the restorative effects of this wonderful summer, I dread the dark days to come. I plan to return to 93 on Oct. 16, but to keave necessaries out here so as to come

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for fresh air from time to time. However, things may turn out funny, in view of the Sun in Libra figure (Symbols, T.) There's V-2 to consider, & per ~~EM~~ contra, the chance of a complete smash not unlikely - things can't be too easy over there!

Thanks for the photos; I do envy your sunlight. Our summer was wafal; but, as I predicted, September brought in settled fine weather. I get about an hour's walk every day in delightful woods. But I would prefer a canoe on Lake Padquaney!

What you tell me about Sascha's health is too distressing for words. Apparently you have been trying IX^o without success; are you sure that the magical link was made correctly? Its hard to say how to make it in a case like that. The general idea, in illness, is to give the patient the maximum Vis Medicatrix Naturae; in other words, to help her own system to conquer the trouble. If there are stones, it might help her to dissolve them. The worst of it is your place on the planet; when I was there, I never struck one (bar ~~For~~ Fordyce) that I felt I could trust. Apart from downright quackery, there is so much chi-chi; eternal laboratory tests and God knows what. Then you have the go-getter, and the big-mouth artist, and - oh! anything but the quiet unassuming competent worker, who is serious, steady, solid, & has reliance on his experience, not the latest Great Discovery.

Back to TARO (symbol, T.) McMillan is certainly A.1. I think he should realize at once that the book is serious scholarship. I knew Paul Case; at that time I distrusted him profoundly. Can you send me his book & lack? That is, if they are worth looking at; don't bother it they are the usual trash. Handel's woman (by the way, when you get the book, make your own deal with him) sounds as if she might be the right person. But you must always be on your guard against every kind of trickery.

I have not yet got Jane's minutes. We can't expect much till the last of the Smith mess is cleared away. What is J.W.P. doing now? I think McM. if he gets back to M.S.A., will be a great help. I want to train him special quite possibly he might take our places when the time comes. He seems to have all the requisite qualities, except the social. And the war, with my hints, will help that.

I forgot to mention that I am sending you 2 books in one parcel, marked "For the Library of Congress Washington D.C.". You will know what to do about copyright. - That seems to be all. Impossible, the way things are, to be more definite about the future.

With all my love, and most earnest wishes for Sascha's restoration to health,