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Dear Mr. Harline

Six years ago, on July 28th, 1931

I was brought into this hospital with a broken neck and a cracked skull as the result of a railroad accident which you probably read about.

Last Christmas day I was struck by a truck on Woodlawn Ave. near my home in Chicago and as a result spent several weeks in the Michael Reese Hospital there, recovering from a severe "shake up" which resulted in 6 broken ribs.

Last Sunday night June 6th, I was again brought into this hospital in a badly <sup>in</sup>jaiced up condition caused by my long coat being caught by a set screw on a rapidly revolving engine shaft in the Machine Shop of the Elgin, Belvidere & Rockford Ry Co. at Meringo. I was almost instantly drawn forward over the shaft and downward until my head struck the cement floor and with the collar and set screw grinding my left arm fit and arm with the coat tightening and choking me.

I yelled as loudly as I could for two of my men who were working on the third floor <sup>and they were in the building at the time</sup> to come and shut the engine down but it was fully three minutes before they reached me and in the mean time the grinding and choking got worse.

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It took the men several minutes to extricate me  
for I was on my head with my body wound around  
the shaft, and my legs jammed in <sup>SLEEVE</sup> between steam pipes  
and other obstructions. Owing to the coat ~~which~~ which was  
torn off and wound around the collar acted the set was  
and thereby formed sort of a cushion my left arm  
was not torn off. According to all the rules I ought  
to be a dead man now and not able to bother anyone  
but I am still here and with certain responsibilities one  
of which is to make suitable response when the  
Danbury Membership is presented to me at Melrose on  
the 21st of this month. I had not prepared any thing  
yet and possibly good taste would decree that I should  
say little at the time, even though I were well, but  
I now find myself so badly lamed and lacerated that  
I am in no condition to compose anything of value of  
any length so I am writing to ask if a short sketch of  
appreciation about a minute or so long will be considered

<sup>different</sup> by the Board of Directors and yourself. While my right arm  
is in fair condition my left arm, back, and neck are so torn  
and lame that I cannot move without help.

Please reply to me here care this hospital as soon as convenient.

Sincerely  
Dion Arnold

P.S. The first two accidents mentioned above were caused through no  
fault of mine but the last one was entirely my own fault.

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Dr. Bion J. Arnold  
Highland Hospital  
1625 S. State St.,  
Belvidere, Ill.

Dear Dr. Arnold:

We were very sorry indeed to learn of your recent accident, and wish to express our strongest hopes that your recovery will proceed very rapidly.

Please be completely relieved regarding any thought of the necessity of a response at the time of the announcement of your election as Honorary Member of the Institute, at the opening session of the Summer Convention in Milwaukee. The members present will be delighted to see you, but no extensive response is expected.

It will be a pleasure to see you on the 21st, and I hope that by that time your recovery may have become nearly complete.

Very truly yours,

National Secretary

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