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*My dear Bob*

Thank you for your brief note. I wish I could reply in kind, but this is my last day before I leave tonight for a holiday abroad, and Punch also must be attended. But later I'll write more worthily.

I had not grasped the fact that you had retired. May you long enjoy your dolce far niente, as Mussolini would say.

*Yours*  
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