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 D Prof. C. F. Norton
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My dear Mr Norton

I am much obliged to you for your interesting letter of the 14th which I certainly had not mounted & my recent contributions to the Italian periodical service, to you & Dr. B. between Italy and the U. States. I had not even acknowledged your valuable volume of yesterday. This is my excuse; the ad. arrived when I was absent for Florence, and on my return I found ~~and~~ great accumulation of business which must be attended to, per la scomoda, and which occupied me until I came to Rome. I did not know respect to your volume enough to see that the sum of round historical and critical value, but I am endeavored to say that I did not even ascertain what value you set on the religious spirit that animates the medieval buildings which I have in the even estimation as I do, that of the "sad sincerity" of the architect and sculptor of Melchior and of Wood's Wood. I will confess besides, that things you had in not finished, it is written down in stuffed by ripas & ...

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 from the Andropia association hominis much