Waterloo, Ontario

October 31, 1985

Dear Dr. Ouchterlony,

I was thinking of you tonight and I have decided that, rather than just thinking of you, I should let you know what gratitude I have for you. It seems that too often we leave nice things unsaid!

When I think of the things which give me pleasure, music comes to the top of the list. Virtually every day I take the time to listen to some good quality music. I've sung in several choirs and played in a number of ensembles. I'm still discovering new (to me) music today. I've been exposed to many very good musicians and composers over the years, but it was you who provided the initial spark which kindled my interest. The anthems, hymns and descants made a truly life-long impression on me. You made us work very hard through many hours of drills which have kept me in good stead to this day. While it seemed like a lot of work at the time (which it was) it was the kind of musical education which gave me a very real and deep appreciation for good music.

I'm sure you must despair for your students from time to time, wondering if they are really learning anything. We never know as we go through life what effect little things we do have on other people. I want you to have the satisfaction of knowing you have made an impression on me which I will treasure for my whole life.

Dr. Ouchterlony, I have thought to myself so many times how lucky I was to sing in the Junior Choir and to be trained by you; it seems only right that you should know that. As far as personal news is concerned, I am working for the Bank of Montreal in Kitchener as a Commercial Lending Manager and quite enjoy the work. Loron and I are expecting our first child in early May and are very excited about it. Finally, those place mats you made for us are standing up very well and remind me of you every time we use them.

I trust you are well and keeping busy. Thank you the joy of music which you instilled in me.

John Pellome

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Mr. John Pellowe,

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Dear John,

I am very grateful indeed to you for your kind letter.

If I have contributed anything to your enjoyment of music I feel very rewarded. It was good to hear from you and to know that all goes well.

Thanking you again and with kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

David Ouchterlony.

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