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Dear Geddes,

It was pleasant to receive your letter. There is a (growing) scarcity of people with a robust sense of humour --something more desirable than the "robust sense of reality" of which Bertrand Russell spoke.

Eugenio d'Ors has made a number of references to angels and to his personal "angelology" in articles and essays, but the most "systematic" account of his views on the matter are in his book Introducción a la vida angélica. Cartas a una soledad (Buenos Aires, 1947: Editoriales Reunidas, S.A., Pp. 205). This book may have been written tongue in cheek although I remember that when I visited him in his Parisian flat, at the beginning of 1936, he had an angel (a Fra Angelico angel if I remember) hanging, as it were, on his door. Inside my copy of this (rare) book I find one curious page which some fifty years ago I copied from an article by Paul Henri-Michel, or Paul-Henri Michel. I enclose herewith a copy of this page.

The proper name of Eugenio d'Ors is the Catalan Eugeni d'Ors i Rovira, but it is safe to quote him as Eugenio d'Ors, since most of his books (in Spanish and French) carry this name on the front page.

Congratulations for your philosophical and/or literary activity. In the last three or four years I have also published a score of books (and a few more are in print or in preparation). Unfortunately, they are published in the ghetto languages of Spanish, Italian, and Portuguese. Since you are courageous enough to confess that you can read the contemptible language in which most of my books are written, and published, and since, furthermore, you are the author of a novel, I am sending you (perhaps for the second time) a copy of my novel Claudia, mi Claudia, and (this one for the first time) a copy of my short stories book Voltaire en Nueva York. I have a complete, and hopefully readable, typescript of Claudia, but I do not know how to convince an American (or British) publisher that it is a work of great distinction. Perhaps you have some suggestions.

I have not seen Milton Nahm for some time, but I know he is doing fairly well. In any case, there was a birthday party in his honor December 9, 1985. I could not attend because at that time Priscilla and I were in Spain (reading papers in a Philosophy of Biology symposium).

Best from

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