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Dear Dr. Jacobs:-

How can I thank you for the Izaak Walton medal! nothing could have come as a more welcome gift, for I had seen and coveted it in Maggs Catalogue and only the emptiness of my pocket prevented me from anticipating you in buying it. Good old Walton! it is pleasant to have something portable enough to carry with me wherever I go to remind me of him and to help me live up to the standard of a true brother of the angle; for you see on my book-plate that I was rash enough to style myself his disciple. My little collection of Walton lives, which is financed by dad, progresses slowly, and I have at present just two of the first editions - those of Herbert & Sanderson, and only the other day I was fortunate enough to pick up for 3/— the folio of Sanderson's, the latter's sermons which contains the second appearance of his life.

I begin to fear that the bibliomania has taken hold of me with such obstinacy that only a German shell could knock it out of me. My appetite for catalogues is insatiable & in the last 3 weeks I have accumulated a pile of them about a foot high, each page is turned down and covered with pencil marks; for in my excitement I forget to take the price of a book into consideration and go so gaily ahead that I soon have marked books to about 10 times the value of my own poor little library.

You have probably heard that I am to go with the McGill Hospital to France as Col. Burkett's orderly officer and that I am now learning all I can here at ^{Cliveden} ~~Choidan~~ at one of the Canadian hospitals. I am perfectly happy among the most delightful set of officers and although the work, I am temporary Quartermaster, is not very congenial, I thank my stars that I have escaped the lot from which Col. Burkett's

cable rescued me. For the very day on which it came I had been in London to enlist, and luckily I put it off for a week when I found I would have to report immediately upon receiving the King's shilling. You can imagine how thankful my parents are. Please give my love to Mrs. Jacobs & many many thanks again for the medal.

Yours affectionately,

Revere.