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University Club of Chicago Sept. 12th. 1925.

Dear Dr. Cushing:

In cleaning up my correspondence before going away I run across your letter of Aug. 19th.

I am delighted to have you say that the book is having a good sale, although it could not be otherwise. And it is a book that will continue to sell for it is well and interestingly written; it is a biography, and it is a story of a man whose ^{name} will go down in history as one of the out-standing figures of his time. I say 'biography' because the value of a biography, as instructive reading, is being appreciated more and more. There is no doubt of this.

It has been well displayed here. There is one retail book-shop on Michigan Blvd., in an excellent location, that has given it the center of its window for weeks; while the window is "dressed" every few days, "Osler" holds the center all the time. It is so, though to a less extent, in other book-stores. This, to my mind, means that the book is selling well here.

You say that you hope my sabbatical year has done me good. Well, it did. "Sabbatical" I think means rest. I had a three months rest, but the rest of the time we were on the move. The first part of the trip was from London to and through India to Ceylon, where we stayed for the three months. I had not improved much till we got there, had to walk with a cane, and tired easily. But within a week or two, I began to feel my old self, and when we left there I was as well as I had been in years. Most of the time we spent at Kandy, a delightful place. Thus far we were with Dr. and Mrs. Casey Wood; they are still there and expect to stay until next April. From there my niece, Miss. Nicholls and I went it alone. We visited Sumatra, Java, and the Malay Peninsula, stopping a week at Singapore. There we joined the Franconia party, an around the world cruise. With them we visited Manila, China, Japan, Hawaii landing at San Francisco, and thus completing a trip around the world.

Very soon we are starting again. Miss. Nicholls is by this time in England; I go on the 23rd. and after spending two or three months in England we go to South Africa, incidentally probably doing Egypt and the Holy Land. I had thought of crossing from Cape-Town to Buenos Aires and taking in some of the cities of South America, on the way to New York. But the more I learn of the scarcity and the character of the ships that pass that way the more I think we won't do it.

With cordial regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

George H. Simonson

Please excuse the typewriting; the machine is alright but the operator is bum. I hope to improve as I grow older!

My address in England will be "The Willows, Bromsgrove"