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Dr. Harvey Cushing

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My dear Doctor Cushing;

Thanks for your letter of this morning. We are all much disappointed that you cannot see your way clear to being with us this winter. We would be most happy if you would come and give us an informal presentation of any subject that interests you and would be particularly gratified if you would take up some phase of medical education.

It seems almost rude to urge you to come to us but we need you and your Philadelphia friends and admirers see all too little of you.

The Osler volumes are giving more pleasure and entertainment than any books that have arrived in Philadelphia for many years. I am in no position to criticise the literary merit of the work but if I take the word of men familiar with literary criticism you have produced a unique work that will not only inspire this generation of medical students, graduate and undergraduate, but will preserve the wonderfully vital influence of Osler for the generations to come.

I shall continue to hope that Osler's spirit will soften your heart and that you will come to Philadelphia to break bread with us and to give to the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, what it badly needs, inspiration to widen its influence upon the impressionable youths that seek medical education in our city.

Please do not think me presumptuous in thus urging you but know how very welcome you would be.

Sincerely yours

John Beardsley