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Dear Dr. Jacobs;

We have been away from London a week tomorrow and have really had a delightful time. I received your letter just before we left. Mrs. Mabbs was greatly pleased at your remembering her. She did her best to make us comfortable but it was not up to the mark and never can be because she doesn't know how. Dr. Cushing arrived and we were so glad to see him - he was in town only two days and rushed off to Liverpool to work. He is rather worried about the future & unsettled about the Hospital. He said he thought of writing you to ask if he couldn't share No. 3 W. Franklin - I don't know if he has but I thought I would tell you. We all dined at Prératiths and drank your health and missed you - then we went to the Alhambra as we couldn't get in at the Empire. Bill went off to Cambridge on Sunday. Dr. Pigg looked after him & he has rooms in the house with him. We had intended going up with him but decided to let him settle himself. I send a note as it may interest you to see what he is doing. He is nearly wild because he has to order his own food - he has a sitting room - It will be a good experience for him. Dr. Dock is with us and he and Dr. Osler are very happy hunting old books. They found nothing in the Hague or Rotterdam, but have had splendid luck here and got some Boerhaave things in Leiden. We are going north tomorrow to ^{Genève?} ~~Geneve~~ ^{Genève} ~~Geneve~~ - then to Utrecht and Antwerp - on to Ghent and some Epileptic Hospital place and cross from Ostend on the 21st. ^{xxx} I think Mr. Garrett will be so happy in the Hague. It is most attractive & so clean. This place is really vile and one cannot move without a smelling bottle. Revere is so happy in Scotland. He joked up to the last moment about leaving us but when we put him on the train he said "Oh - I do care - I feel queer in my heart under my arm." ^{xxx} He's dear. Miss Nichols writes that he is well and so merry. I expect to gather them up on the 24th and we are going to North Berwick

until September 1st. We have rooms and I am sure will be happy. Dr. Osler will come Aug. 2nd after the Tuberculosis & B.M. That bad old McCrae did not arrive until after we had left, but he will meet us next week & he and I mean to go together to open the Tuberculosis Congress.

The Sargent pictures at the Academy were delightful but otherwise it was awful. Mr. Morgan's recent purchase in Paris is at S. Kensington and the things are wonderful. Isn't it enchanting about Harvard? Oh, why can't some one help the Hopkins? Countess Strafford was away but I found her carriage very useful and hope to see her at Maidenhead next week. We are asked to stop at Sir Broadbent's for the Congress but declined, as I shall hurry on to Revere. I saw much of the Ponsonbys in London. They are very interested in adding to their treasures. I suppose you have heard about the enormous prices paid at Christies for pictures, furniture, etc. Mr. Pinsonby introduced Mr. Alfred Rothschild one day and he said in reply to my question of why the Duke of Leids was selling his fine things "Bad bridge, bad bridge, nothing else." One becomes greatly interested when one hears all all these things and has the chance to see them, as in London. Dr. Osler has been really sight seeing on this trip and is very amusing. He looks at one picture in the collection and then flies to a book shop. I got him a lovely Keats for his birthday. I think I told you he would not bid against Qauritch at this Sale, so we had to take it at his price, but no matter he is so happy over it. He has a consultation in the country next week and the fee will cover many indiscretions. I hope you are not melted, Mother writes it is simply awful. For two days it was too hot for her to go in the garden. I never heard such a thing.

Do excuse this scratch and its length. If you are at Newport - do give my love to Mrs. Garrett, if at home. My love to your madre in both of which Dr. Osler joins.

Always sincerely,

Grace R. Osler.