

Copy of letter from Sir William Osler to B. O. Humpton, dated
^{mv} Oct. 9th, 1919.

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In Bed. 9th.

Dear B. O. H.:

I have been having a devil of a time--in bed six weeks!--a paroxysmal bronchitis, not in either of your books! Fever for a week, temperature to 102.5; practically no physical signs; cough constant, short couples and then bouts, as bad as whooping cough. One night they nearly blew my candle out!. Since fever gone cough persists but paroxysms at longer intervals, every 2 - 4 days, but very intense, regular tussis convulsiva, ending in vomiting and convulsive movement of every muscle of the body. Then the other night, eleven o'clock, acute pleurisy. a stab and then fireworks, pain on coughing and deep breath, but 12 hours later a bout arrived which ripped all pleural attachments to smithereens, and with it the pain, not a twinge since! but a dry rub which I can feel now as I breathe and hear like a rhonchus, Pneu. 3 and micrococcus catarrhalis found. Very straight attack. I am very comfortable except in the paroxysms. All bronchial therapy is futile--there is nothing my good doctors have not made me try, but the only things of any service whatever in checking the cough have been opiates--a good drink out of the paregoric bottle or a hypodermic of morphin. I have a splendid nurse.

Love to Dr. Barker, to whom read this, and to Mrs. Barker and the children, and to Miss Noyes and Miss Nichols when you see them. Billie Francis has been able to be here a great deal.

Yours ever,

[Signed] Wm. Osler. (P.T.O.)

Dr Wm. Osler to B. O. Humpton (continued).

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P. S. No copy of Southern Medical Journal has come! Tell
Dr. Barker. Parcels forwarded from the U.S. so delayed.

Was it not splendid of Miss Blogg to do that Bibliog-
raphy. I think they might have asked you to write for the
Bulletin. What a tale you could have told!!