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Dear Thayer

I should have written at once but I am deep in a horrid cold which I caught in an upper berth on the N.Y.N.H. & H.R.R. I am delighted with everything here- the links are A.L. ~~the~~ I have only been out once. Campbell & Muriel Howard are here. Mrs Osler asked them as a surprise for me. What about the Smith house? Would it not be better than the Carrolls? I suppose it would not be furnished. Perhaps, Van Ness may be going to live there. I am so glad that Flexner has decided to stay. Welch could not well have spared him.

(cf. photo)

It would hardly be worth while to go t Santiago now- the troops would all be away in a few weeks. I believe we would see quite as much in some of the northern hospitals to which the troops are being sent. But you need fresh air & rest- not any more Hospital work.

I see they have me secured for Peppers chair - even my photo in the Ledger. Poor Pepper!- they will never have his equal again in Phila. again. They did not half-appreciate him or what he did for them. The U.P would have been still on 9th Street, a three year school & the other dept's undeveloped had it not been for his amazing energy & push. There is likely to be heart-burning over the appointment. Mitchell insists that I shall not say nay until after the Faculty have met but I should only be worried to death by practice in Phila. I see your sister every day. She is doing a miniature of Tommy. Your father is away. Very glad to hear that Barker is off & free- He must buckle down ~~at~~ one or two good bits of original work now

Sincerely yours

Wm Osler

Mrs. Osler & Tommy send love.

He subsequently wrote a note on Peppers for the Peppers Club Nov. 15 1898 (quote)