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(W.O. to H.A.Lafleur)

1 West Franklin St.
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Dear Lafleur

How are you? What are you at. u.s.w. We have not heard from you for an age. Mrs Osler was speaking of you last eve. I had a very roving summer. Toronto - Bar Harbor, London Edinboro then to Bar Harbor again. I had scarcely six weeks away. The Edinboro meeting was delightful. I went afterwards to Dorset, to look up Sydenhams birthplace. I have a 17th century fit - Sydenham, Boyle, Locke &c. I am preparing a lecture on S. and looked up his letters &c in the British Museum & got photos of his birth place &c.

After returning to B.H. where I was delighted to find the Howards, I spent three weeks & then much to my disgust, went on the road. One of my assistants Dr. W Davis was very ill in Minneapolis & they telegraphed me to come out. I could not refuse of course. It was in the midst of that hot spell in Sept and I was rather knocked out. Poor chap died - Addison's disease. I got back to Mrs O. & found a telegram from my bro Edmund saying that his son Jack was very ill (acute polyneuritis) so I had to retrace my steps to Toronto. I got back to Balt. Sept 15th rather used up. Then I had a call to Mass. Returning in the train Sept 15th I sat up all night with a labor case & caught cold, which hung about me for a week, got better & then on the 30th I was knocked out completely with an acute Bronchitis & some broncho-pneumonia of left base - defective resonance but no tubular breathing or rusty sputa Fever for 7 days - for no day continuous dropping every morning to normal cough disappeared with the fever, but I was very much used up. I am up in the mountains of Pa with the Cunninghams near Wilkes Barre. A delightful spot. I feel quite well again & strong as ever. I go back to work next week. I hope they sent you my 3rd edition; you, Stewart & Finley were in the teachers list. Let me know if it came Thayer has left the Hospital Fatcher has come on. How lucky I have been to have had only two 1st assistants in nearly 10 years. T. goes into practice in B. & takes the bulk of the 3rd y. teaching.

Mrs Osler & Revere send love

Yours ever,

W^m Osler