(Dr. John H. Musser - Philadelphia)

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Dear Musser

The Devil: I suspected that the trustees would be after Gould. The P.M J has been on eye opener to them. As a matter of public (i.e professional) policy I should say let him go. The J.A.M.A. needs him now more than we do. & he could put the Journal on a first class basis which would be a good thing for the rank & file. Phila is surely not so reduced that a good successor to G. could not be found. Dr. Costa would be the man of my choice. He has both brains & energy & could hold the younger men who have to do the work. With our sub. list & start, there should be no risk of failure - not the slithtest. The essential point is to have a strong editor who commands the respect of his juniors & who can get work out of them.

I have been laid up for three days with the grippe - not a bad attack fever for only one day

Kelly was in last night - he had just returned from Phila very much disgusted with the outlook at U.P. He says that there is a strong feeling against White among the younger men, who feel that with him in charge alone, the able men among them would have very little chance. I did not know the feeling was so strong. In medicine the fusion of the two departments would be a good thing. Save only that it cuts you out of a full chair.

Tyson who is a clear minded soul feels thus, & spoke of it while here a few weeks ago. Happy New Year

Yours. W OSLER

Mrs. Osler sends love & wants to know where you are at as they say here

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