

To Sir Humphry Rolleston.

1, West Franklin St.

Feb. 5, '00.

*On January 5th he writes Rolleston again.*

Dear Rolleston,

I do feel that Allbutt has done so much for us all and has been so kind and tactful that some public recognition should be offered of our indebtedness.)

I like your suggestion of a dinner and an album of photographs of the contributors.

I wish that I could go to South Africa., We are of course most deeply interested in the war. I am an optimist of the first water, and see no reason for hysterics. What a bagatelle it is after all for the Empire! What are 200,000 men in the field! And as for the reverses - well "sweet are the uses etc." It is sad for the poor chaps who fall, but the stake is worth the sacrifice. England spent more blood and money to make North America English than will be needed to do the same for South Africa. All the decent people here are with us and the war has done more to promote an Imperial Spirit than anything that has ever happened in the recent history of the colonies. xxx

Thanks for your Cirrhosis of the liver paper. We have had three cases treated by the surgeons of which one has recovered.

With kind regards to Mrs. Rolleston.

Sincerely yours,

WM OSLER.

Thayer whom I have just seen is well and happy very busy upon his mosquitoes of which he has a fine collection from all parts of the country.