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Edward A. Schäfer to Mrs. Osler

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My dear Osler,

I have had it in my mind to write to you for some time and today I get a letter from you. I am glad you are to come over again this year and hope we may see something of you. I am settling down to my work in Edinburgh but have not yet taken a house. ^{***}I am living this winter at the University Club in Princes St - having put off the evil day of housekeeping until Easter. For the Hale Whites lent us their house and servants in Harley St for the Xmas holidays, and we have been therefore together in London - all but Jack who is still in China but with a prospect of coming home by the next ship.

I have got my Laboratory into good working order at last, and have just had £2000 given to me to build an addition, which was much wanted. And men are beginning to come in to work but not yet as many as I should like to have. The classes are very large - over 400 at lectures and about 240 for Practical Work - and very attentive and orderly. I am now looking forward to the end of the winter session - for the summer work in Edinburgh is very light and is practically done by the assistants, of whom I have four. ^{***}

I find myself very often in London for the week-ends as I have business of various kinds to see after. And I have not yet let Little Gillians so to make it let better I am building on a servants' hall and a second staircase. I wish I could transfer the whole thing to the neighbourhood of Edinburgh. I have no idea yet, where I shall take or build a house.

Kindest regards to Mrs Osler and love to Revere - Perhaps if we are staying at North Berwick when you come over in June, you might come then. It is a delightful little rocky and sandy sea-side place: I shouldn't be surprised if I decided to live there altogether.

Yours ever

E. A. SCHÄFER

P.S. I suppose you would not consent to transfer yourself to Edinburgh in the event of a vacancy in the Chair of Medicine - which is extremely likely to occur before long.