

(Mr. D. C. Gilman)

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Oxford.

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Dear Mr. Gilman

I am so distressed to hear that you have not been well. Do ask Mrs. Gilman to send me a line if even a postal card. Someone mentioned it in a letter to Mrs. Osler, but we have heard nothing first hand, and it would be such a satisfaction. I sent you a little Xmas reminder - which I hope reached you in time. We have had a very busy Xmas - the first we have spent in our own home. We had a party of 16 to dinner, chiefly waifs & wanderers among them four Rhodes scholars. We are very comfortable in our house. I have at last got my books about me. I am seeing a great deal of the Bodleian and am chairman of the Committee for the proposed alterations. But such difficulties to overcome! I wish you were 50 and here as President, - how we would make this old place hum! There are such possibilities, and it is such a delightful spot, that it seems hard to have essential changes blocked by antiquated machinery. I have had old Burtons books picked out at Christ Church and have had the Bragenose portraits copied to be inserted among them, with the editions, old & new, above & below it. You will have read of Lord Kelvins death & funeral. I went to the Abbey, - a most impressive ceremony & a remarkable gathering. Give my (our) love to Mrs. Gilman & to all old friends. 'The boy keeps well - not a student but interested in butterflies & fish

Most sincerely yours,

W^m Osler