

Handwriting

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(To Leonard L. Mackall)

24 Ave d'Jena [Paris]  
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Dear Mackall

1) Many thanks I have a fine copy of the de Trinitatis Erroribus  
MDXXXI.\* I should like the Linde's M Servetus - ask them to send it. The  
other book has not come - the translation.

2) I have taken your postcard re Goethe with me & asked in many libraries  
but in vain. I am enjoying Paris so much. We go on to Italy Jan 12th via  
Lyons & Montpellier I am sorry we shall not see you in England - I hope to  
meet you in Baltimore I shall be there in May

Sincerely yours,

Wm Osler

*M Servetus*

\*i.e. the counterfeit not the original. Cf. Osler Anniv. Vols, 1919,  
ii, 769; L.L.M.

1) "Michael Servet" by A. v. d. Linde (Groningen 1891) (I gave this to WO). *L. L. M.*

2) "re Goethe" is probably correct, and probably refers to my efforts to  
find anywhere in Goethe (I worked on him for years) the passage meant  
in WO's Science & Immortality (p.7): "Goethe remarked that 'mankind  
is always advancing; man always remains the same; science deals with  
mankind'". WO told me that he felt sure that he had taken it from  
some popular book (not Goethe direct). We never located the quotation.  
I asked many other "Goethe-Forscher", but in vain. *L. L. M.*