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To Prof. H.P. Bowditch, Boston

Dear Bowditch

I am sending you the Bertholet address at the Academie Francaise in which you will be interested. It was a famous occasion, I had never seen the reception of a new member & the ceremony was interesting - first a post mortem and then a vivisection by the President of the new member. I have had a delightful three months here - Hospitals chiefly but taking in a few lectures at the Sorbonne, a course by Bergsen on Berkeley & one on Rabelais by LeFranc. Bergsen paid a remarkable tribute to William James whom he called the most distinguished and stimulating of living thinkers in Philosophy. I have been working at my System of Medicine - wretched thing! five vols of which are out & two to follow - and at some other back articles. You never were the same soft hearted fool and accepted everybodys invitation to write. We are off this week to Lyons, Montpellier, Avignon, Nimes, Arles & so on in to Italy. I hope to sail for G.O.C. May 1st. Love to Mrs. Bowditch & the girls. I hope the young Doctor is progressing.

Yours ever,

W^m Osler*Ricket*Ricket by the way is in Brazil - back next month.