Dear Jacobs:

I had such a sore throat - tonsilitis - on the 16th, the day
we arranged to go to Lyons, that we had to put off our journey for a few days
& then we decided to come directly here. I am so sorry to miss Lyons and
Montpellier, as I have made all arrangements for my visit with Lepine &
Grasset. I have been rather seedy here - throat again sore & very hoarse.
I was housed two days. Sanders says it is gouty:

This is a glorious place - such sunshine, and I had no idea the vegetation was semitropical. This hotel is excellent - the Van Burens, old friends of Mrs. Osler's, are here, and the place is full of old friends of mine. Jack Vanneck has a villa here, and he sends one of his motors every afternoon at 2:30. We have been to Valiscur, St. Raphael, & Cap. d'Autibes. I shall remain here for ten days and then go on to Rome, leaving Naples until a few days before I sail. I shall have to leave about the 26th & it is not easy to get good boats. I shall have to take what I can get. Let us know when you come. We shall spend a month in Rome and then go to Florence and work North. I was very sorry to leave Paris - the men were most kind and I picked up a good deal of useful information.

Seymour Thomas has had an interview with Vernon who has just come back .. V. says "in order to give an exact figure he would have to have the architect's dimensions with a sketch of a photograph of the Chumsey."

He thinks it would come to about fr. 2000. It is good to hear of the progress of the building, What a boon it will be for the profession.

I hope the Frick room will be nice. After all the old man gave us the first encouragement & must be kept in mind; and his total bequest was large. It should go in a suitable tablet.

Miss Nichols is going out to Miss Noyes. She is a good plain

stenographer & typewriter and we were awfully sorry to let her go, but it seemed best. She was very good in the house and capital with patients. I have to get some one who can do work for me at the Bodledn & who can look up references in 3 or 4 languages.

Revere spend Xmas with us - gained 8 lbs. Love to Mrs. Jacobs.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Osler.