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(To Dr. Arthur Browne) of Montreal

Hotel Paoli, Florence.
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Dear Arthur

I was so glad to hear from Francis this week that you were better and able to be up. What a sad trial this illness has been. It must be some consolation to you to feel that your many friends have been so full of sympathy with you and Mrs Browne.

I am sailing for New York next month and hope to be in Montreal early in June. We have had a very good winter in Italy, - everything delightful but the weather. I had a month in Rome and saw nearly everything but the Pope I spared him. The Vatican Library is wonderful; though for old Manuscripts it is not so rich as the Medici Library here. Today I saw the M.S. of Celsus which had been lost for so many centuries. The Laurentian collection is kept in the same putei or caves which were designed by Michael Angelo. We go back to England for Easter to see the boy who is preparing for Winchester. He is not much at books - prefers butterflies & fish. I never saw such a devoted Waltonian, & the Compleat Angler is one of his favorite books - complete conversation book he calls it.

With much love to you both

Ever yours,

W^m Osler