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(Dr. J. A. Chatard)

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Dear Chatard:

I shall be out earlier than I had anticipated, but I do not suppose now the committee would wish to make any change in the date. I have to go to England next week, unexpectedly, so that I shall sail from Southampton and not from Naples as I had intended. I wish I had known of this before, but the business is quite unexpected. I have provisionally taken passage for April 13th, which is a week earlier than I had intended. I sent you the other day a reproduction of an Avicenna MS. page. I saw the original at Bologna wonderfully colored - the text is in Hebrew, XI century I think. I am bringing a set of the old ~~Votive~~ offerings of the Aesculapian temple which will be of interest. I can get a suitable show case. It would be well to get out some of the special editions for the meeting. I am sending the 1st edition of Vesalius, de Human corporis fabric to the Frick Library. Those Edinboro theses would make a good show. Coming earlier, I shall be able to spend a longer time in Baltimore. I must meet your Avicenna Club.

We have had a splendid visit in Italy. Rome was wonderful, Florence enchanting. I have seen Bologna thoroughly and shall see Padua, ~~Vienna~~ ^{Venice} and Pavia.

I am glad you like the Paris letters, there are more to follow.
My greetings to your mother and uncle.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Osler sends love.

Wm. Osler.