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Dec. 3rd. 10.

Dear Shepherd.

I doubt very much if I shall be able to get out even for the first week in June. The Registrar tells me that we shall shift all our examinations a week earlier this year, and that will bring the D.P.H. into the first week. As I told you the only time of the year in which my presence is essential is for the December and June examinations; if I am away the University has to appoint a deputy Regius Professor. It would be better to make your arrangements without taking me into account, though I much regret that it does not seem possible.

I had not heard of <u>Coo-E</u>'s death; he had a fine innings.

Sorry to hear that Lorne Campbell has been hit.

I have a letter from Keen that he has just been operated upon for sigmoiditis; cancer was suspected. A curious thing is it not that both he and J. Wm. White should have the same malady?

Give my love to the girls - all three! I hope Cecil is all right again.
Sincerely yours,

W<sup>m</sup> Osler

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