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*in pen of pencil*  
 Letter (Script) from  
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My dear Osler,

I am sorry to have missed you on your last visit but I must thank you for the lovely roses you brought—which are living well on the table, I learn they were from your own garden, that *fact* seems to suggest that Lady Osler had a share in sending them. If so, I would beg you to give her my love and thanks. I always think of her as such a good woman, Your boy I suppose is getting quite a man. I hope you and he will have much enjoyment in Scotland and catch plenty of fish.

I had a friend of yours here a few days ago Dr. Eugene Carson Hay of Hot springs Ark. Perhaps you have seen him. He talked about going to see you.

Have you seen any more cases of Paget's disease since you wrote the last edition? I looked to you to learn about it for Dr. Mercier says he is its victim. He is an alienist but the most brilliant writer in the medical profession. He says half his bones soften, yield and bend and the other half harden and *knobby* and bumpy. "The consequence is that I am bent permanently double, a deformity that increases week by week and my legs assume more and more the shape of a pair of parenthesis. I can't walk and I can't stand for more than a very few minutes and I have no activity left except that of my pen and tongue."

He lives at Moorcroft, Parkstone, Dorset. I suppose that nothing more has been found out about the disease.

I hope you were able to enjoy the Windsor affair. I am out of all the R. S. functions.

We hope to get away on Wednesday. When do you get to America. I suppose you are going to get on with the Address.

Yours ever,  
 W. R. Gowers.