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(Letter to Mrs. Robt. Brewster)

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13, MORHAM GARDENS,
OXFORD

Dear Mabel

I am desolated and very low in my mind, after sending that cable from Inverness. After consultation with President Hadley last Friday we decided that it would be better to postpone the lectures until next spring. I need not go into the reasons, which were sufficient, but it is most disappointing. You cannot realize how much I have been looking forward to that week at Avalon, and have had my itinerary arranged for it. Perhaps the spring may be better but I hate to have a year go by without seeing you - and Sylvia will have grown away from remembrance of me! - but with a child this can easily be made up. We have had as I told you an unusually busy summer - so many people coming & going. One great delight has been a visit from my sister and her husband. After 'raising' nine children - all splendid - and a husband! against heavy odds she had at last got into smooth waters - but as she says sadly, with the nest empty. Two other brothers have been with us, so we have had a family gathering. Revere got home on the 1st - so well & much grown, He is a darling, good heart & good hands but not much at his books. We have come here for the fishing - to the most northerly coast of the island - to the Kyle of Tongue where there ~~is~~ are good locks for trout and perhaps salmon. We have been out all day after sea trout - very few fish but plenty of rain. It is a lovely spot - beautiful hills - really mountains. We have very comfortable rooms in an hotel not far from the sea. Grace will not have to speak to a soul - which is her idea of a blissful holiday, and if the fishing is good the boy will be happy. I enjoy the loaf & read & write. I have been deep in all sorts of out of the way professional reading for these lectures trying to get into touch with men & times & places in our history. 'Tis not easy but the personal interest in the individuals helps over the dull periods. I had a nice letter from Uncle Ned last week, with a definite promise of a visit next year. That story in last month's Scribner was so good. What a true touch he has. Perhaps you will plan a winter trip to Europe? My love to R B & a kiss to the lassie. / Let me know how Lois progresses - my love to her also. and keep very well yourself -

Yours affectionately

WM OSLER