15th (Dec. '12)

(Letter to Mrs. Robt. Brewster) (handwriting)

13, NORHAM GARDENS, OXFORD.

Dear Mabel

I had hoped to get an Xmas letter off yesterday by the Lusitania but I had a worrying week, first with a succession of examiners from outside who have to be looked after, but more particularly with Whitelaw Reids illness. I had to go to town every evening as I seemed to be of greater comfort to him than his London Doctors. He passed away peacefully this morning. He had a long & a useful innings & will be much missed here. I hope the little book Being & Doing has reached you by this time - very scrappy, but such nice extracts. I am sure you will like it. I wish I could see that angel Sylvia Please when you write say how you are. Do give my love to Uncle Ned - Is he comming over this year? My lectures are fixed for April 20th, so expect me a few days before. I will go direct to the club, unless you are in N. Y. & have a spare room. If you are at Mt Kisco I will come on for a day & then arrange for a longer visit. We are to have a very busy Xmas - the house begins to fill this week. Revere comes home for a month. A kiss to Sylvia - and to Lois baby when you see it.

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Love & Xmas greetings to you & R.B. Affectionately yours, WM OSLER