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(Handwriting)

(To Dr. John W. Churchman)
13, Norham Gardens, Oxford.
29th [Feb., 1916]

Dear Von C*

So sorry that we are not to see you. I had hoped you would come here directly from the steamer. I hope you had my letter. Let me know if I can be of any help. Have you to see the W.Office people? Send me your address in France & let me know at any time of any special wants

Yours ever

Wm Osler

*Joke on his name.

[Letter refers to a trip to France via England for hospital service in Passy (Yonne). But I did get up to see him and had a delightful two hours, rushing from London in the afternoon and back again by the night train. Sir William was in bed (influenza), and the bed was littered with old tomes. Both he and Lady O were most kind. They were trying not to think of Revere, who had left shortly before. The Chief told me, with his unforgettable starry smile, that Revere, as his troop-train pulled away from Oxford (or a nearby camp), took from his hip pocket and waved a small early edition of (I think it was) Keats: the memory of that gesture was a delight to his father. This was the last time I saw Sir Wm.]