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Dear Hurd,

Congratulations on Vol.1 of a great work! What an undertaking! You are a brave man. It will be a great record. I have just read the reports of the early meeting. Fine set of men. I was interested in Galt, who, as doubtless you know, wrote the first American Text-book on Medicine. It was nice to see too the name of my dear old friend, Dr. Workman of whom I hope Burgess will give a good account. I recall with great pleasure my many visits to him in Toronto. I am glad to see you have touched on the weak spot in Quebec. Curious that they should be so stupid as to retain the old system.

We are all well and very busy, as usual. I am away three days of the week visiting Hospitals. There is an extraordinary amount of interest-material medical and surgical. The wound of shrapnell and bullets do better than the medical shocks and wrecks. The strain is terrible on the young fellows. One of my nephews was here today- he and another were the only officers of his regiment unwounded at St. Elor a few weeks ago. Revere has joined the Royal Field Artillery and is getting his training. He has enough mechanical aptitude for the job I think. He has taken to books and literature and has his work cut out if he gets back safe

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after the war. It is a horrid business but no one here wants peace unless at our terms. We must go through with it now if it takes another five years. We cannot ever do it again. Things look more hopeful but a democracy is a blundering cyclops at war. I hope all goes well at the Hospital. Love to Welch and Halsted and Kelly I see his beloved Billy Sunday has been with you.

Love to the girls from us both.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Wm. Osler.