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 (Letter to Dr. C.N.B. Camac)
 (handwriting)

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Dear Camac

Excuse ~~bad~~ but I am in bed with influenza. There was an acute paroxysm of bibliomania a few minutes ago when your parcel came. I jumped on it at once. What a beautiful present! I never saw anything so charming - the whole affair touched me deeply - and it is a great addition to the Browne collection which now lacks but one important item the Dutch Alle den Werken 1688. but it will come. Is this the copy that was sold at Sotheby? If so I bid and missed and who bound it? There is much good stuff in the Miscellanies.

I hope by ~~the~~ time you have the little book I sent for Xmas. How I wish I could see you all. Do write about Mrs. Camac & the girls.

We have had a worrying year - so much on hand & so many coming & going. Reverses plans have worked out well, which is a comfort. The Artillery has been a great success. He likes the work & since about Oct. 1st he has been with his Battery. on the Ancre, very busy, but really interested. His companions are nice fellows & evidently there is plenty for him to do. They have had a pretty hot time & their battery appears to pound ~~every~~ ^{every} night & day. He keeps well & writes most cheerily. Of course it keeps us anxious. Norman has had a para? infection - pretty sharp one, & hemorrhage but is now convalescing. Archie Malloch is with us for Xmas. Billie Francis was here a few mos. ago. It seems ages does it not since you were here? I have kept very well - often much worried; this C.A.M. Corps business was most ^{amusing} ~~amusing~~ but one good result has been the bouncing of that bombastic boulder Sam. Hughes.

The Library grows - catalogue complete - now for time to work on it
 Love to you all

Yours ever

WM OSLER