

Oxford, England.
December 25th, 1916.

Dear T. Mac:-

An Xmas letter - with first, a plea for forgiveness for all my neglect of you^r and your kindness. I was so bedevilled and ashamed of my failure to put through that Textbook work properly that I have just put off and put off acknowledging how disgusted I have been with myself. The reprint looks well, but we shall have to struggle ^[after two years] with a proper revision. I have never had from Appleton & Company a copy of a new contract.

Secondly, I wish they would agree at the C. A. M. C. to take prominent Canadians as consultants for periods of, say four months. When I suggested it eighteen months ago to Jones he refused.

Thirdly, this C. A. M. Corps business has been most trying. Bruce should never have lent himself to a political job to oust Jones, and now this Committee on Revision will I believe give a report strongly in Jones's favor, so I hope he will be reinstated. We have had a devil of a row too at *Blivenden* Hospital. I resigned in protest against the treatment of Jones. One good result has been the dislocating of Sam Hughes, whose behavior over here has been that of a G - P.

Fourth, I have had another broncho-pneumonia attack. After a week of ordinary cold I was about as usual and then had a slight chill with fever and cough, slight signs at left base, very worrying cough, temperature for only three nights, sweats. Rusty sputum for one day. It has rather knocked me out, but I shall take it quietly for the balance of the winter.

Fifth, Revere writes very cheerily from Battery A, 59th Division in the Ancre. Campbell located him for us on that famous farm which is marked on all the maps. He is very happy in the work. We hear two or three times a week. It is a pretty hot spot - guns going incessantly.

Sixth, Norman has had a paratyphoid infection - very slow with one attack of haemorrhage. Raw and Rose Bradford have had him in charge and they have been most

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in writing. He will go ^{Revision} to the Revision and then come to us.

Seventh, our good William, the butler, died of pneumonia ten days ago in one of the military hospitals. He was engaged to Batemen, which makes it additionally sad. We shall miss him sadly. I never met a better servant.

Eighth. All of your special friends are well. Allbutt in A 1 condition. I see him at the Hampstead Heart Hospital, of which he and J. MacKenzie and I are the supervisors. So keen and only the deafness indicates his years. Garrod is in Malta - two sons ~~gone~~! Rolleston at Haslam, and Consultant to the Grand Feet. Jack is all right again. Archie Malloch is here for Xmas. Grace wonderfully well, ~~no trace of~~ the old arthritis.

Ninth. That Sir Thomas Browne book was a beauty. I hope you saw it in the case. I bid on that very copy a few years ago. It was very touching of you all to remember me in ^{the model of} the war.

Tenth, and lastly, and most important of all, love to Amy.

Yours ever,

Wm. Osler.

Give my love to Jim Tyson when you see him.