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12, Norham Gardens, Oxford.

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Dear Hurd,

Very glad to hear that you are better. I hope you may, as is so often the case, get back more sight than could at first be expected. The action of the U.S. ^a absorbs all attention here, it was inevitable.

We shall have a hard time possible, but a little tightening of the English waist-band will do no one any harm.

I should like to see the plans of the Hurd Library.

The situation you mention is admirable, I should like to have been able to leave my collection to the School, but it seems more appropriate to give it to McGill, where it is much more needed. After all for the older and rarer books the Hopkins has the Surg. Gen. Library at its door. I have part of the medical work and medical teaching written and will get the rest finished before long. I agree with you that chapters written by the heads of the depts. will be of special interest.

Revere is back in rest billets, about 20 miles from the Front. They have had three very hot months on the Ancre-salvoes and barrages day and night. It is wonderful that the guns stand it. He keeps well and writes very cheerfully. We may hope for a decision one way or the other before the end of the 3rd year, but Germany is not yet beaten and is very strong. What a cruel shame that her rulers have made such outlaws of such good people as we know at least in the profession. Love to Eleanor and Anna.

Lady Osler and her sister are hard at work and the hotel

keeps open as we have many Canadians stationed here in the Flying Corps.

Best wishes.

Ever yours,

(signed) Wm. Osler.