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(Handwriting)

(To Dr. James A. Spalding,  
Portland, Maine).

13, Norham Gardens, Oxford.  
1. XII. 18.

Dear Colleague

I shall be so glad to have the 'Life' of Dr Spalding, of whom I shall be so pleased to know more. I will write on receipt of it. Meanwhile I enclose a cheque for \$25. to help in what I know from sad experience is a very thankless task. These old-time men deserve to be held in remembrance. They did splendid work for the profession.

'Tis never worth while answering stupid criticisms.

Sincerely yours,

W<sup>m</sup> Osler.

(It shows a very kindly spirit to a perfect stranger, I am sure.  
To tell the truth the sum was four times what he said - actually £5 sterling.  
J. A. Spalding)