

C O P Y

From the Regius Professor of Medecine, Oxford

13, Norham Gardens,

January 31st, 1919.

Dear Flexner,

Many thanks for the photograph which is splendid. Could you not put a group of men at work to determine the incidence of syphilis in the newborn, stillborn and the community at large? It is very difficult to gather trustworthy figures from any source, particularly with reference to infants.

We have got a hot discussion going on here, and some of us are trying to have the whole business of V. D. put under the Public Health authorities.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Wm. Osler.

P. S. Since writing, at the bottom of the pile of mail, I find the two Transylvania monographs which, as sent from the Rockefeller, I am sure must be an expression of your kindness. I am delighted to have them. The first I had had but left at the Hopkins'. It's really a splendid record, and I had never seen a picture of that venomous old scoundrel Charles Caldwell. What a splendid face! I am sure had he been at the Hopkins under Welch, the venom would have been distilled out of him. Did you ever read his book? It was a great group of men - worthy of the memorial of the Filson Club.

(S. F. says: This letter refers to my visit to him in December, 1918, when he asked me about the Transylvania Monographs. I wrote my brother in Louisville, obtained them and sent them on to Dr. Osler. This letter is doubtless his acknowledgment).