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Request to Cannes Conference
(Letter to Dr. Richard P. Strong)
from Lady Osler) (handwriting)

March 6th (1919)

13, NORHAM GARDENS,
OXFORD.

Dear Col Strong

Sir William asks me to write, even before his letter goes - & tell you how much he regrets he cannot go into this new Red Cross Scheme. I honestly tell you it would be most unwise. Sir William is already too deeply involved - He has not made any visible progress with the Text Book - Tom McCrae writes & cables - Appleton writes & cables. Added to this there is an address for the Classical Society meeting here in May & it is now only half finished - You can't imagine what this winter has been with people - all the American Hospital Staffs breaking up in or near London have poured down here - and Canadians as well. It has been the greatest pleasure but it has been impossible to get steadily at any work - and not another thing must be undertaken until these things in hand are finished. Perhaps you will understand. I am very anxious that Sir William should not be over tired - the strain of the four years and the tragic end and sorrow have told upon him. I am confident with caution he should live to a good old age & I want to spare him all unnecessary effort, for the good of mankind. It would be wonderful to go to Cannes but he must stick here and pray for sunshine - which by the way has come today. Mrs. Hammond was here the other day and we heard more than ever of your charming wife. Please arrange to go home via England and bring her here to see us -

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G.R.OSLER.

Don't scold me please.

We have a good secretary at last.

*Two references to Dr. P. Strong
from March 12.*