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Dear Shepherd

It is awfully sad to hear of Arthur Brownes attack. I was afraid there was something radically wrong with him. It is strange that his arteries should have gone so early, and he has been a temperate fellow. I do hope he may be spared a lingering aphasic existence. Mills has not done well. He writes that the urine is clear but he still has a little trouble. He would be much happier on the pension list - I suppose he is eligable. It is 25 years since I left. He looked remarkably well when I last saw him Oct 1st. Would you like me to suggest anything re the pension fund. He spoke about it one day as a possibility but then again he spoke as if he wished to get back to work. I am so glad to hear the new buildings are going on so well. I suppose the Library will be left with the Museum. I have had a very good time here & have seen many interesting men. The Faculty has been most kind. I have had a special room in the Library and the Dean gave a sumptious dinner & a big reception. When is Cecil to be married? I am glad she is not to leave Montreal. Poor Jack Vannettes (?) wife died a few weeks ago. You will probably see him as he took the body to New York. She had pernicious anaemia. I go on to Lyons, Montpellier the Riviera then Naples & up to Rome & the north Italian towns. I shall probably come out before returning to Oxford.

Love to the girls & my best wishes to you all for the new year

Sincerely yours

W^m^ Osler