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Just Ed<sup>d</sup> rare. Presentation Copy from Shelley

to Miss Fordwin, his sister in law "Miss Shelley, an abolitionist". BOOKS, n.d.

In Shelley's "Queen Mab" (1813).

W.O.'s script. This book was given to me by Mabel Simkins. I was spending the summer at North Berwick. The morning of our arrival I found a letter from her asking me to see her professionally. Dr. Janeway had told her I was to be at N.B. I was very vexed to be bothered with patients, so I wrote a note recommending the local physician, whom I did not know but whose golf-score I had seen that morning in the Scotsman. I then tossed the letter to Mrs. Osler who said to me "Why, Mabel Simkins! you know her - Sue's friend. You must see her." So after luncheon I called. There was nothing the matter beyond a little over-taxing of the nerves, so I made a visit every day and found her a most charming companion. We talked so much of Shelley and Keats, and in the following Xmas this copy of Queen Mab came with the card. I had not forgotten her. She married Geo. Agassiz.

The inscription on the card:-

A merry Xmas, dear Dr. Osler, from the friend you have forgotten?

M.S.