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Dear Harvey:

I wonder if you will tell me how the Osler correspondence used by you in your biography was arranged. Were the letters in those fascinatingly bound volumes put in chronologic or alphabetic order? My reason for asking is that my son-in-law, upon whom was early imposed the somewhat Atlantean burden of supporting the name John Thomas Jefferson Clunie (the descent from the fairly early American apostle of simplicity being on the paternal side), has just inherited the literary effects of his great-uncle, Charles Warren Stoddard.

This same Stoddard, as you may or may not know, is still remembered in certain quarters by his "South Sea Idylls" and other things in prose and verse. He was the intimate of Robert Louis Stevenson, Rudyard Kipling, Mark Twain, Bret Hart et alii of the same stamp. He was intimately known to another group of celebrities ranging from the famous Queen of the Hawaiian Islands to Robert Barrett Browning; indeed, it would be hard to say whom among the lights poetic, artistic, histrionic and politic of his day and generation, were not his friends or intimates.

Now, somebody has got to do a biographic stunt re Charles Warren Stoddard; the "kids" cannot be expected to accomplish it, so I expect to have the pleasant duty thrust on me. I thought it might be helpful to know how you arranged your Oslerian data.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated by yours

Yours cordially,

J. W. Courtney

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