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Letter from <u>R. H. Fitz</u>. to. W. O.

18. Arlington Street.

Dear William,

Thanks for your sermon which arrived Christmas Eve, and which I shall read to night. As luck would have it, I caught the name of Jenner — read in this week's B.M. & S.J. your projected experiments with vaccination, and am now in the midst of Cotton Mather, Sabdiel? Boylston, Benjamin Coleman, William Douglas, and that unmitigated liar Jalhonde(?) In fact Iam living in the days 1721 with original sermons, NewsLetters and Communications for and against Inoculations. Nearly two hundred years and doubting Thomas still is loose. When ever you get a chance look at the first and second editions of Boylsten's account, the one published in London in splendid form as if the Royal Society had paid the bill — the other in the Colony, the best that could be done, undoubtedly, but hardly beyond the typographical limitations of a dimie novel. I had a wonderful trip to California when I went out for the Lane lectures. If you have never seen the Canadian Rockies and Selkirks, the Yellow Stone, Yosemite, Big Trees and Grand Canyon with everything else Ustorum make up your mind to take them all in, for life is short and you can do it in two months.

Mrs. Fulcher has sent me a Xmas Card, so my very Sphinx like question has been forgiven.

Remember me kindly to Mrs. Osler.

Yours sincerely,

R. H. Fitz.

Imas, 1910.

Note on opposite page.

Fitz was one of my best friends and one of the few men who always addressed me affectionately as "William". I met him with Henry Bowditch on the occasion of one of my early visits to Boston 1876 or 77 and we became greatly attached to each other. He was clear headed

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