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(Dr. W. S. Thayer)
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Dear W. S.

So delighted this evening to see your name as President of the Congress. I had not known of it before, or I should have sent congratulations. 'Tis a very nice & proper indication of the place you have won in the hearts & heads of your colleagues. I was glad to hear the other day that Sister Susan was better. What an anxious time you must have had Give her my love & best wishes. All goes on here much as usual.- very few men in the colleges. A few A.I Rhodes Scholars in medicine Two jewels go t you this year Davison & Penfield D. Enters the 4th year, which is unusual but he has an exceptional record & has seen a large amount of clinical work. Penfield goes into the 3rd. Poor devil! was blown up in the Sussex last week & is now in Hospital at Dover. Injuries not serious. The Baldwins had a narrow escape: the girl is still unconscious & has a broken leg. B. gave the Herbert Spencer lecture here two weeks ago. I was so glad they asked him. Revere is home waiting his transfer to the British army. He hopes to get his orders this week. He is in fine form- such a bibliophile & so devoted to literature. Things look hopeful. The French are doing splendidly. & this country is in fine form - if we could only choke some of the politicians & editors. We have started a big Army Heart-Hospital. Allbutt, McKenzie and I have had the selection of the staff and have been put in control as active consultants. We visit once a week each, & determine the policy etc. There are to be 4 services. Lewis has one, Parkinson & Meakins (of Montreal) the others, & we hope t be able t get Fraser for the 4th.- Such interesting cases.- chiefly neurotic, but many mitral & a few aortic. Typhoid has slumped - very few dysenteries.- Nephritis persists & is most interesting. Love t Barker & Janeway & all old friends

Yours ever,

Wm Osler