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(To Dr.H.V.Ogden from G. Cantlie)  
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My dear H.V.

Yours to hand this A.M. - glad to have it too - as it did seem so severe on you to pass thro this without saying how do you do - however circumstances &c. Am glad you enjoyed your eastern vacation as under such auspices you needs must. Had a long letter from Mrs. Francis the other day, who related everything yourself included, and gave a historical account of all the family - So the Dr. & you concluded "Love" only now after a seven years spell - sharp morals and no let up either to it, which is worse - Of course you know with whom - and so must Dr. Osler but as he appeared to be the preferred - I can & have & will keep myself to myself - Engagement, there was none in propria forma - but if ever there was a more binding one - I give up willingly - As a great favour tell me how Dr. O & the young lady in question stand, and trust me to keep it to myself - If you have been there - you wont deny such a request & with all sincerity too - She may love the Dr., but I doubt it, at least I can't understand it, if she does - all this strictly entre nous - Just had a pleasant visit from my old Boss - Mr. Mitchell - curious combination to see Warren & Armour & he all talking here together yesterday - May I - no I would not soar as high as P.H. Been here nearly 3 months, like it bully now but the first two months were hard - day & night - & Sunday no difference - but it agreed with me & am looking & feeling O.K. I left Warren simply because I had a better offer & chance here - Run the option Department at least try to - & think I can manage - at a salary of \$1500 to start with, whereas I might have lived my life with Warren & got no more - Here there is room for me too - & money no object - The work is much harder of course 8 to 6 - every day - Have to be up by 6.30, too, incredible in me - My social ties are happily nearly cancelled now - tho. where I like them I find time mysteriously to go - Go to-night to hear the Boston Ideals with Mr. & Mrs. Steven, late Milwaukee people - She was the best contralto of her day in the west - must have been grand - but suffers so much from asthma has to give up now - but as bright as a cricket she is & he is a remarkably nice fellow - used to take me out yachting very often in summer - There is a whole Milwaukeean settlement in Kenwood - nice people too - but run too much to music & the Armours' themselves are Milwaukee extracts - 150 men in this office - but as I have a cage all for myself I don't come in much contact with them. I hear Dr. Howard's eldest daughter is very ill with diptheria; seems to be a fatality in that family that disease. I can't write more - even if I could P.D.'s malicious eye is on me - No chance of getting to visit nowadays - the only respite we have is 1/2 hour for lunch daily time taken when we go out & come in - Just written Rogers in answer to a postal of his - all well there.

kindest regards

Yours ever

G. Cantlie

Of course you heard of Cesdailes finale  
sad but sure & speculation the cause.