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Pointe-à-Pic,

Quebec,

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Dear Flexner

I was very glad to have your letter this morning. I had written for your address but Miss Bonner did not know it, and I asked at the Century Club on Monday and they did not know.

I am off to England in May or June largely for peace and quiet - if I can get it, - far more at least than I have been able to get of late years. It has been increasingly difficult with the many outside calls to keep in proper touch with my hospital work, and I have not caught up with the immense amount of clinical material which I have gradually accumulated. It will be a great wrench to leave such a clinic - just too, as I am getting it into good shape; but gracious heavens, I have had my day and it has been a good one, and after 33 years of hard work a younger man can do better for the school than I could possibly do - trading largely as we pre-<sup>seniles</sup> have to do, on (easily ?)\* our past reputation. The position at Oxford is barely ornamental but I shall find some congenial work, I know. Mrs. Osler is delighted chiefly on my account, as she feels that I have been under too heavy a strain of late.

And now for some business.

I am to edit for Lea Bros. a new system of Medicine in six volumes, much on the plan of Allbutt, and I want you to write the intro-

\* Word not easily discernible.



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ductory chapters on General Pathology - much of the scope and style of the articles in Charcot and Bouehard - arranged in your own way of course. The material you have on hand for your Pathology - transposed etc. would answer admirably. I am only asking the younger men to contribute and I think a good representative work can be issued. Mc Crae will be in charge on this side and I shall be out every year for some months looking after it. Do you not think our little Jap friend could do the Venom Section? I shall need your counsel in several matters. We shall be here until the 14th. When shall you stop at St. Louis? I am to be with Dr. Fischel.

Love to Mrs. Flexner.

Yours ever

(Signed) Wm. Osler.

What a delightful visit you have had. Barker writes most enthusiastically.

P.S. What do you know of healed splits of the intima in connection with dissecting aneurism and rupture of the aorta and healed dissecting aneurism? Have you had any cases of the latter? I am working at my aneurism material.