

The Brickell apartments
Miami, Florida

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Dear Doctor Osler:

I deeply regret to hear that you have been ill with pneumonia. This I learn in a letter from Dr. Warren. He adds however that you are improving. Please accept my heartfelt wishes that all is well and that you are fully restored to health.

I am so sorry that my letter requesting anything in the line of work should have come in upon you at so inopportune a moment. Please disregard my letter so far as it involves the least thought or trouble and this I know you must of necessity do and think no more about it until some long later day when illness is far away.

I have this moment received from Dr. Warren a typewritten copy of your "Remarks made on presenting Morton's original papers to the Royal Society of Medicine, May 15, 1918" and entitled, "The first printed documents relating to modern Surgical Anaesthesia".

I have read and reread it. It is I am sure the sanest, most logical and most original document on the subject I have ever read. It strikes down controversy by basing discovery