

(Handwriting)

(W.O. to Mrs. Robert Brewster)

25th.

13, Norham Gardens, Oxford.

Dearest Mabel

B. Yours of the 14th just here - so nice to have it. Very comfortable you must think of me - no pain, except for a few hours when I had a pleurisy. The paroxysms of coughing are distressing, more to poor Grace than to me. [No fever & pulse good; but the confounded thing drags on in an unpleasant way - and in ones 71st year, the harbor is not far off. And such a happy voyage! and such dear companions all the way! And the future does not worry. It would be nice to find Isaac there, with his friend Isaac Walton & others but who knows? | He may, forty years hence "choose for you again" as that day in the nursery when he first saw you: your picture & the chicks look at me by the fire light which just catches the proper angle.]

Love to Robt. & the darlings & your dear self, & dear Uncle Ned. Grace would of course cable should I be worse.

Yours affec

W^m Osler

Memo. This letter must have been written (as H.C. says, vol. ii, p. 679) in November¹⁹¹⁹, and not (as Lady O. ~~was~~ said in her letter to F.J. Shepherd, 8 Feb., 1920) on "Dec 23". He wrote no letters - he was ~~not~~ physically unable to do so - by Xmas.

W.L.F.
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