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DICK MACDONNELL, 1891.

~~From W.O. to Dr. Dick MacDonnell.~~
(Typewritten).

The J.H.H.H.,
Baltimore.

Dr. R.S. MacDonnell jun-wo.

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Dear Mac.,

To tell you the truth it would not be very convenient to part with those volumes just at present for the following reason. I have, like an idiot, agreed to write a text-book on medicine, and am about half way through it. I am drawing a good deal on those volumes for certain statistical material; thus, the other day, in writing up mediastinal growths I went over the whole list, looking for my cases of pulmonary and other thoracic murmurs, so also when I come to the liver and other organs I shall do the same thing. I am very sorry as I should like to oblige you in this matter, and, as I told you, I shall ultimately put the five volumes in the medical library.

There are several things I wish to consult you about in the matter of the book. About Pepper I do not know at all why the work is hanging fire. The contract has been arranged, and I suppose the only delay is in the assignment of subjects, though we went over that before Christmas. The idea was at first to have the manuscript ready by October, but Fitz who has been spending a few days with me, says that now it will be quite out of the question.

I thought you were coming down this spring. We should be so glad to see you and Mrs. MacDonnell, to whom give my kind regards. Your sister keeps well and seems very happy.

Excuse this miserable typewritten letter. I know you don't like any such novelties, and forgive me also for disappointing you, pro tem. in the matter of hospital reports.

Glad to see you stirred up the tracheal tugging, which we always find a valuable sign.

Very sincerely yours,

WM OSLER.