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Wednesday. (Aug 17^(?))

Dear Mr. Gilman.)

(m. 1798)

Pepper's death was a great shock to me. I was very much attached to him. Philadelphia has nothing to offer - nor any other city in this country - in comparison with what I have in Baltimore. I am very glad to hear that Flexner is to remain with us. Welch could not spare him. I hope to see you within a few days. I have caught a heavy cold which will keep me quiet for a while. With kind remembrances to Mrs. Gilman & your daughters,

Sincerely yours,

Wm Osler

The newspaper must have immediately stated him to be Pepper's successor but there could have been nothing more in it than that though he may have been approached (ask opinion Dept)

He intended to present an obituary memorial at the dinner of the School 1898 but was prevented by illness from presenting it. Published 1899. Chamberlain's appreciation - quote from it. Also sent later another to the Obituaries Dec 1898. Quote them both about W. Pepper.