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Dr. Vincent Y. Bowditch,
506 Beacon Street,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Vin:

Please look through your letter files and see if you have preserved anything whatsoever in the way of notes from Osler. I would like to see them all, but particularly wish to know whether it was W.O. or Welch who got you to come to Baltimore in January of 1902 to that open meeting in McCoy Hall on Tuberculosis, when W.O. said some very plain things to the Mayor. I suppose you probably stayed with the Oslers, and have you any recollections of the episode that would be useful to me?

Please scribble an answer below, for my convenience, as well as your own.

Always sincerely yours,

Harvey Cushing

Dear Harvey, your letter was forwarded here where I am to be sure latter Septem. I wish I had any letters from Osler for you. I only had two or three short notes of imitation when in England preserved in my journals at home but none would be of special interest to anyone else. I was at that meeting of which you speak in Baltimore & heard O. speak to the Mayor in a way that made my hair stand on end & that there should be a duel afterwards. I was sitting next his wife who said at the time she was always in a fight at what he might say at meetings, but after a fight at the Mayor for what he had not done, I saw the Mayor with his arm over O's shoulder later talking in the most affectionate way to him. No one ever seemed to take offense at what he said although he was nothing if not

Frank. When I get home I might tell you what
he said home at lunch, ^{in Oxford} on his birthday when he
was 57 only & in a loud whisper from the
other end of the ^{long} table with his hand at his
mouth ^{said} "Bowditch, Light!" I will tell you the
details if you care for them when I get back.
They do not amount to a great deal however.

Whether he or Welch asked me on to that
meeting I cannot remember in the least, but
I think it was he, for he was much interested
in my theoretical work at the time, but I can't
swear to this & I stayed with the others at
the time which ^{also} enables me think he asked me
to the meeting.

I am sorry to be of so little aid
in a matter of such great interest which you
I believe are engaged upon.

Yours always sincerely

Vincent J. Bowditch,

Exeterford,
near Seal Harbor,

Me.

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