

From Wm. James to W.O.

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My dear Osler,

I thank you for your letter of March 24th, but listen to how it is with me! I find myself in a state of as bad nervous fatigue as I have ever been in in my life, and that says a good deal. (To-day, e.g., awake since 2.30, and had to stop work on my 5th lecture (out of 8) after two hours because of flushed head.) Three-hour-long dinnerparties tire me badly; and if I succeed in getting thru my lectures themselves, I shall be lucky. This is not to com- but only to ex-plain why the notion of being "lionized" in any way whatever at Oxford strikes terror into my rabbit-like heart. So don't invite your London M.D.'s to meet me! All that I am good for under present conditions is a few more intimate talks with old (and new) Oxford friends.)

Your offer to help in lodging us is ultra kind, but I have already written to Principal Carpenter to look out for lodgings, so I won't tax you.

Don't consider me churlish, for I aint! but believe me, with thanks and regrets, yours very sincerely,

Wm. JAMES.