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To Mrs. Daniel C Gilman

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Dear Mrs. Gilman,

I have just seen in the Times the announcement of the death of my dear friend - or rather, Mrs. Osler read it out and I exclaimed from my heart - My father! My father! The chariot of Israel & the horsemen thereof! My next feeling was of gratitude that he should have been able to do so much, for higher education in America and for medical education. A splendid life and a splendid work. We of the medical profession owe him an everlasting debt of gratitude. Not of us he was always with us, heart and soul, and was always a great satisfaction to me to feel that he knew we appreciated his efforts on behalf of the medical school. The start on our own lines which he gave the Hospital was one of the best things he ever did. What memories of those happy days come up. Little did we think that so much would be accomplished and in so short a time.

We had hoped to see you this summer. I do hope you got home safely. I was a little worried (after what I heard last winter) that you had gone abroad. Do not trouble to answer this. I know how busy you will be. Mrs. Osler joins me in love and deepest sympathy.

Sincerely yours,

WM. OSLER