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(In Dr. Osler's hand-writing) no answer to a letter on 21st Nov. 1904

44 Ave. d'Jena

1909 (?)
Wet 18th 1904

Use

Yours ever,

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Dear Harry T,

You and your friend Francois Pourfour Petit gave me a very pleasant half hour at the library this afternoon. Who he was I have not been able to find out. The "Lettres" is a small quarto without the author's name, but his initials are at the end of a brief preface or note. The first letter is really a remarkable production. He first deals with the question, much discussed, as to the paralysis on the side opposite to the cerebral lesion, and refers to many old cases from Aretaeus to ^{down . . .} Secondly, he gives an interesting series of his own cases in which after injuries or disease (usually abscess) he found the brain lesion opposite to the affected side. Thirdly, he gives a series of "Experiences," experiments, on dogs in which after injury to or removal of part of the brain on one side the paralysis was always on the opposite; and lastly he discusses the anatomy and gives a beautiful figure of the medulla or upper part of the cord showing, as clearly as in Quain or Grey, the decussation of the pyramids! I have copied his description on the the back of your card. I will look him up; he is not in Boyle(?) but I daresay I can find him. I do not suppose anyone had given before a clearer description or he would have mentioned it, as he seems to have an accurate knowledge contemporary literature. Is there not a special work on the history of the nervous system? Munro of Glasgow wrote something but there is a fuller and more recent work. I will ask tomorrow.

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M. is Prof. of Pathology, now a lecturer on general pathology three times a week. He is a delightful fellow.

Love to your girls.

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