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(Letter to Dr. Welch - Welch Bullmar<sup>30</sup> PARIS  
(typewriting)

44 Ave d'Jenn  
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Dear Welch:-

We are off on the 13th - to Lyons first to see Symphoien<sup>^</sup> Champier and Rabelais. I understand their cliniques are the best in France. We shall stop at Vienne to call on Servetus and Apollon Revoire, the father of the late Paul Revere. (I have just been going through the Servetus trial for Astrology, 1437. 'Tis given in full in du Boulay's History of the University of Paris). Then on to Montpellier to see Rondibilis, from whom I shall take a course in ichthyology. We shall take Nimes and Avignon on the way.

I have had a very good time here and have got beneath the shell in some places, but it is very difficult. Bouchard rules the roost, and there is an active revolt and a great row. It is too long a story - I shall write it out. B. has been most kind and as President of the Institute has sent us tickets for all the ceremonies. The successor of Bertholot at the Academie Francaise made a fine speech last week. I sent it to Remsen. There is a p.m. and a vivisection at the same seance, and the president gives a sketch of the new immortal. I have had great fun at the library and have looked over a great many papers and books of interest. Bichat's lecture notes and the MS. of the Genl. Path., Laennec's lecture notes, private letters of Broussais, and the whole story of the surgical war of 500 years are to be seen in the papers. The most extraordinary are the well known Faculty Commentaires the annual reports of the Dean, 1395, to the Revolution - an interrupted series.

Mrs. Osler has taken the boy back. He had a good Xmas with us. By the way, Young's friend, Seymour Thomas, has painted a splendid picture of me - less saturnine than Sargent's. I will send a photo. We go to Naples about the 28th from Genoa; then Rome, Florence and the North Italian towns. I shall sail about the end of April to get out in time for the March Faculty meeting.

Greetings to the Major and Halsted.

Sincerely yours,  
WILLIAM OSLER.

P.S. Dr. and Mrs. Rush are just coming in to dine. I wish you could see this library. I have wasted hours browsing. I have read through six volumes of Swinburne. I did not know before of his children's poems.

*Letitia and the woman.*

~~Part of Servetus's story has or at least refers to the codes in Baltho May 10 1409. His stories prevented his going to Vienna~~

Champier  
Symphoien Champier, Robertus Servetus, Calvin, and Apollon Revoire live together in many rare editions and <sup>in</sup> ~~many~~ <sup>in</sup> London covers in a Section of the library but he was overwhelmed to visit them a this trip <sup>unlike this letter to M. Welch.</sup> The explanation lies in the following note in his account book: "Left Paris \_\_\_\_\_ excellent place."