

C O P Y.

Hotel Royal, Rome. Feb. 19th. 1909.

Dear Mac:-

You will be glad to hear that the scleroderma and erythromelalgia were posted today - registered. I do hope I am not the last. Let me know!

Charles Lea is here and I have consoled him greatly. Do not let them ~~abuse~~ ~~alone.~~ You ~~from~~ the office ~~and~~ send it on to me. I think we have done splendidly to get so much through in so short a time. Think of poor Rolleston! I hope Welch is working at his article. Make any alteration you see fit in my papers.

We are enjoying Rome, but there is so much to see and do. I have not begun with the Doctors yet. Machiafava called and I am to go next week with him to the Medical School. Not many books - only a few good shops, but I have picked up a few bargains. I have been in the Vatican Library with an Oxford man who has worked there for fourteen years. He had out for me their oldest Hippocratic and Galen MSS. - to my surprise none antedating the 11th *century*. It is interesting to see so modern a place - the reference library for workers is most complete and the *Index* does not touch it curiously enough - perhaps all the prohibited books go there for inspection. The Museum treasures are wonderful and so well arranged.

We go from here to Florence. I shall sail from Naples on April 21st on Canopic to Boston. 'Tis the only boat which will get me on time for the meetings. It will be nice to see you all again. [I hope Amy is keeping good. The Gwyns *vary* and are never so good as they look. Give her my love.] Of course I shall go to you. ?

Yours ever,

W. Osler.

*Letter to J. McC.*

The underscoring of we *me* *4* *referred* *his* *of* *his* *job* *about* *having* *got* *me* *into* *the* *system* *and* *letting* *me* *do* *most* *of* *the* *work*. *He* *gave* *me* *a* *piece* *of* *plate* *with* *an* *inscription* *relating* *to* *this* - *when* *the* *work* *was* *completed*. *J. McC.*