

(To Dr. W. G. MacCallum)

Rome

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Dear Mac

I have only just heard of your appointment at Columbia - hearty congratulations! It was not unexpected as Butler had written some months ago. It will be a great wrench to leave Baltimore, but you are wise. You should have your own position - you have earned it. What ever will Welch do without you! I hope you do not leave before the Summer. I should not like to see the J. H. H. without you - the last of the old guard in the house.

This is a fascinating place. Marchiafava, Celli, Bignami and the Bastianellis are charming. The pathologists are in practice - and the laboratories tell the tale. We have been here nearly a month and now are off to Florence. I was so disappointed to miss Lyons and Montpellier but I had a wretched sore throat for 3 weeks which hung about in a curious way so I fled from Paris to the Riviera.

Do give your father my kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Osler.