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5 Osler- Klebs

Oxford, Dec. 31st 1909

wrote and

You old reprobate! It is high time you fessed up- but I forgive you! It was a great shock to hear of your sudden lapse, but when one thinks of your general and special attractiveness the wonder is you held out so long-

"What's done we partly may compute

We know not what's resisted", as Bobby Burns says.

I am so glad to have your address [Ouchy, Switzerland]. I should have written at once but I had no clue. I am so glad you have settled comfortably & it will be a great pleasure to meet your wife. Give her my love- provisionally, i.e. on condition that she treats you well. We are having a very happy winter- the house full for Xmas & the New Year. Six young people just now- such a jolly crowd. The book is really A.1. There is nothing so good that I know of. It is a great credit to American medicine & you. I am sending you a few papers which may be of interest. Be careful of your primae viae at Lausanne, see your food is mashed ~~frusly~~ finely, and irrigate when you feel an involution of the glandulae epiploicae.

*Dear Mr. Osler - I was so busy on my holiday in London - the former
year you know in the New Year. I got your paper just now - great
great example! I am so glad to hear of your success in your
work.*

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On Sunday morning, February 7th, Osler had gone to Washington to see Senator Hanna who ^{had recently been laid up} ~~was critically~~ ill with typhoid fever. He got back in the late afternoon to find the business section of Baltimore in flames. He has laconically written in his account-book, "Fire began at 11 a.m. Hurst Building raged until Monday eve. It reached to within two blocks of 1 W. Franklin St and we were all ready to pack up." It was a close call. There ^{as usual not only at No 1 but at No 3 West Lancaster St} ~~were guests in the house and with the latch-keys, as usual,~~ and in the afternoon everyone gathered in the Osler's dining-room ^{where through the} ~~with its~~ southern windows ~~through which~~ the conflagration could be seen approaching. That Osler, usually impeturbable, was nervous was evident from the way he twiddled his watch-chain and exceeded his allotted number of cigarettes, ^{through the anxious afternoon and evening,} A policeman finally came to the door and said the block between Mulberry and Saratoga Streets near by was about to be blown up and it was time they got ready to leave. Brands were already falling on the roofs of the neighbourhood. A wagon was secured: some precious books were put in trunks; some china picked out; some linen; some clothes. The faithful black servants, ^{Morris and Co.,} ~~cooked some~~ ^{an oyster}