

From W.O. to Mrs. Frank Payne.

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Dear Mrs. Payne,

I found your letter on my return from Cambridge. The sad news was not unexpected, as Sharkey told me this week how ill he was. I am so thankful now that I went a few weeks ago, and shall always carry the most happy recollections of that visit. Do you know that he was one of my oldest friends? I met him in 1873 and in 1874 we attended several meetings together of the Medical Microscopical Society. He was always so kind in writing about my papers. He had a happy and useful life in the profession, and for years, since Dr. Greenhill's death, he has been recognized as the English Scholar in Medicine. We shall miss him sadly at the Club and at the College.

But our loss is nothing compared with the sad gap it will make in the lives of his loved ones at home. My deepest sympathies are with you. To my deep regret I shall not be able to pay my last respects to-morrow. I have been fighting a heavy cold for nearly a week and yesterday I had to go to Cambridge to lecture. To-day I am much worse, and Mrs. Osler forbids me to think of going out of the house, and I feel she is right.

With deepest sympathies, believe me, dear Mrs. Payne.  
Most sincerely yours,