

Dec. 1st (in Bed!)

13 Norham Gardens.

Dear Cowley,

Luke iv. 8! Is not this December, the leanest month of the year? Are not the times very hard? Is not the voice of L1 - G - heard in the land? Is this, think you, a time for MSS? What a heartless brute to mention them! But - I do love Dioscorides- even in Arabic! Did he not 'peep and botanize' up <sup>&</sup> and down the Thames valley? Is he not said to have gathered Digitalis where the Radcliffe Camera (or the Infirmary) now stands? Considering these things I would like to see the MS. - but I am in bed, with a mild Bronchitis. Could you send it to me by my frau<sup>e</sup>lein ~~and~~ say if you think it a good example of an Arabic MS, and also if the price ( the December price!) asked by the son of the Propjet is reasonable.

Yours sincerely,

Wm Osler.

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