

James Tyson, CUSAT/111.28.12

S.S. "Seti",

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Dear J. T.

I was on the point of writing<sup>to</sup> you when yours came enclosed with one from Mrs. Osler. I had not heard of Janeway's death. 'Tis a great loss. He was a first class man, a good clinician, honest as the day and did generous service in his generation. Life did not owe him anything, but it is sad that he was not allowed a happy old age with his family. I am off for a big spree. My bother E.B. asked me to join him and a few friends for a month on the Nile and I could not resist. We have the most delightful boat - holds eight - we are six - with everything provided, to a first class laundryman and a dragoman who knows the river as he does <sup>his</sup> Koran. We make about 40 miles a day and tie up anywhere for the night, we stop to see the temples and special places of interest. The country is marvellous - just a strip of green between the river and the Arabian and Libyan deserts; such crops, wheat clover, beans, cotton, corn, opium; the whole strip is green and the wheat in ear. We have been as far as the Dam at Assouan, charming place, never any rain, winter T. 65° - 85°, very useful in Brights and chronic arthritis<sup>of</sup> all sorts. These old Egyptians were our masters in architecture. The world has seen nothing to match Thebes. How they missed what the Greeks had, the secret of progress in other things, is hard to understand.

I am so glad to see that Deaver was put in the clinical chair. I have heard a rumor before from St. Louis people that Edsall has resigned and is going there.

I am sure the easier life is good for you. I am enjoying

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Oxford so much - just enough to keep me in easy work and I am beginning to get an education - time for reading and I am collecting an A. I. library - on the principles of books of interest biographically and of moment in the development of medicine. I saw a great deal medically in the week we had at Cairo. The hook worm disease is rampant here and Looss showed me his specimens. The Bitharzia is almost as bad - scores of bladder and bowel cases. An extraordinary polypoid colitis develops late. The pellagra cases I had never seen before - the spinal cords are remarkable. Interesting that there is no malaria. I shall get back about the 1st. Is there any chance that you may be over this year? Let me know. Love to daughter and Mellor. I hear from Mitchell that he keeps well - wonderful old man.

Ever yours,

(signed) Wm. Osler.