

13 Norham Gardens,

(April 2nd, 1911)

Dear Jacobs:-

Had I known you were at the Bristol, I should have paid you an early call yesterday, as I had $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours between my trains. So sorry to hear that Mrs. Jacobs has a bad cold. The Riviera looked delightful as I passed along the Coast the other side of Genoa. Rome was cold and rainy, & of five, we had only one good day in Naples. After Egypt one gets particular. I found nothing in the way of old books in either place, nothing of special note. Dr. Payne's executors have decided to sell the books at auction - at least to have an auctioneer's catalogue made first. I hope to head off a sale by a specific offer - asking to leave out the 15th century herbals. They have a rather exaggerated idea of the value of the Library as a whole, but they would find the big prices limited to a few books. After the catalogue is made, I can talk with Sothebys, & we may come to terms. It would be a great pity to miss it.)

You and Mrs. Jacobs must really do the Nile. I have never had such an enchanting trip... / We shall hope to see you in July. Love to Mrs. Jacobs.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Osler.