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(Letter to Mrs. Robt. Brewster)
(handwriting)

13, NORHAM GARDENS,
- OXFORD.

Dear Mabel

Xmas greetings! I hope this may reach you in time but it is a slow steamer this week. I am so sorry Grace did not see you but she could not stay over in New York. I motored to Southampton to meet her, and picked up Revere at Winchester - she was surprised to find us on the dock. I hope Sylvias big Bible 'All Hail' has come I am sure she will be interested in the pictures. I have sent you a nice little edition of the *Phaedo* for your bedside library. The translation is not so good as Jowett. I am very busy - Have just finished the examinations, today, and am working at a new edition of my text book which should go to press next month. I have had no time for much outside reading but I am finishing Bergson on Laughter. Curious that the only two special works of any moment on this very emotional problem should be by Frenchmen - one in 1560 by an old Montpellier physician Joubert, & the other by B. I would give a great deal to look in upon you at the childrens hour & have a good laugh & romp with Sylvia. I enclose cheque for \$25 for present for Lois. My secretary - old one in Baltimore - did not it. Give her my love. I hope she is happy. My Xmas greetings to Uncle Ned and his family. Tell him I do not despair yet of seeing him in my rooms at Christ Church. By the way do you know (R B. will surely) dear old Prof. *Lounsbury* of Yale. I have just read his early days of Browning - delightful and so true.

Kiss the lassie & warm greetings to R.B. with much love to yourself

Affectionately yours

WM OSLER