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FROM THE REGIUS PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE, OXFORD.

(Dr. W.S. Thayer) ^{CUS417/118-74}

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Dear Thayer,

Thanks so much for the cable. It was a great worry not to be at the Celebration.

We are very hard at work here - particularly Grace, who is at it early and late. We have 12 Belgian professors, 61 in all with their families; and it has been a job to settle them comfortably. Many of them are destitute. This Belgian business is an awful tragedy. I was at Folkestone yesterday and saw the horror of it on the station platform - old men, women, children, all with their little possessions tied up in bundles, the whole town full. Fortunately they are being well cared for.

We have opened our Canadian Contingent Hospital ^[at Stoncliffe] not far from Folkestone - a lovely old place. They sent us a batch of Belgian wounded the night before last, so I had to go down to see that everything was going smoothly.

Did you ever read Baron Larrey 'His Life and Memoirs'? - a great book! I am trying to stir up among the Territorial medical officers the importance of the health in the camps. We have had such wonderful weather for the last two months that there has been little or no sickness so far.

Revere is up at Christ Church, and has joined the Officers' Training Corps.

Love to Sister Susan.

Sincerely yours.

W.O.

P.S. By the way, we have Miss Macmahon in charge of our Canadian Hospital.