

J. George Adami to W.O.
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(typewritten)

My dear Sir William,

Every good wish for the New Year to you and Lady Osler. I think you know, too, that these wishes are not only a formal greeting.

This is news that you have been down with Influenza; do take a good rest after it and get away for a few days to the south coast. The danger is that you will plunge into work immediately, and I have very strong opinions about the need to proceed very cautiously **after** a bout of this miserable condition.

I am greatly distressed about Yates. He has had all these years the reputation of being a club man, with all that that connotes, and I have kept him on as lecturer in Bacteriology with the knowledge that my colleagues looked upon this as a bit of favouritism. Nevertheless I always found him an excellent class organiser and good at routine, and this war has brought out all his sterling qualities. He seems to have done his work splendidly at No. 3 General Hospital and has been most popular, and he was just the man for us to put in charge of our Royal Convalescent Hospital at Bushey Park. No one could have received the Queen, and possibly the King, there with greater distinction, and have purred round them in a more courtier-like manner, and at the same time fulfilled his duties as O.C.

With regard to your letter to Finley just received, I find that he has already returned to Etaples, so as a New Year's greeting from you I am forwarding it there.

Yours ever.
J.G.A.

Col. Harry Yates of No. 3 Canadian General Hp. came down with Bright's and pneumonia, just as he was appointed O.C. of the Canadian Hp. at Bushey Park, in the house and grounds given us by His Majesty.