

(Dr. J. A. Nixon, Bristol, Eng.)

13, Norham Gardens, Oxford.

7. II. 17. (Feb. 7th)

Dear Nixon;

Glad you have got back safely. So sorry to hear that there are enough self-inflicted injuries to have a separate camp. . We are deep in winter - three days of regular Canadian weather - bright & clear getting towards zero. Creech is a rare old bird well known here - a Wadham man, a great translator, a disciple of Burton, profoundly melancholic & in 1700 sent his soul to ? thro. a nooze. The Lucretius was very popular - orig. ed. 1682 - many reprints, best 1714. D.W.B. says "that for six mos before his death he studied the easiest mode of self destruction"! This would be interesting - perhaps Wood gives details. :

Let me know at any time should you need special books.

Yours sincerely

W^m Osler.

P.S.¹: The two New England women are rejoicing in the news from the U.S. & send martial greetings

P.S.² Lucretius comes in my Bibliotheca prima for his vision ? & for the atomic presentation & for the "natural man" view de rerum naturam

(Note: Answer to enquiry as to Creech's translation of Lucretius).