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13, Norham Gardens,  
Oxford,  
22, iii, 17.

Dear Malloch,

By this time you will have had Finch & Baines, and I am sure you will be delighted with the first serious product of Archie's pen. It does him great credit - a bit of solid work well done. We have had great fun with him over it. The story of the friendship has always interested me, so that I am greatly pleased to have it so well portrayed. The Christ's College people are so delighted - Shipley, the Master, said to me the other day - is it not strange that we should have waited all these years to have the story told and then to have it done by a young Canadian. The work has been a good training for Archie and has brought him into contact with many nice people. It represents a lot of hard digging. The illustrations are splendid and the general 'get up' of the book is A.1. I am sure it will have a good sale though this is not a good time for books. All well here - I had a bronchitis at Xmas which housed me for three weeks, but the rest did me good. Revere has had a hard winter on the Ancre and instead of getting leave they have had to follow up the retreating Germans - single blanket, rubber sheet and bully-beef for the past two weeks. Fortunately he has kept well, but it is an anxious business.

Love to all,  
Yours ever,  
(Signed) Wm. Osler.