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To Ge. Dock - war & catalogue. "damned" very unusual

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The Victoria Hotel

Sidmouth

Dear Dock

Such a nice letter from Geo. Jr. came in the same day with yours. He seems in the thick of it. I have written urging him to try & come to us for a rest & change, if possible. The strain is very heavy on these young fellows. I am afraid we are in for a long business. Germany is far from defeat & the U.S. will have to give the knockout blow. It is wonderful what she has done already. Tell the damned pessimists to shut up. I am ashamed to meet them - there are a few here who growl that enough has not been done.

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I am struggling with a catalogue ^{résumé} rarissime & find it interesting but slow. My sec. is away but I have a meticulous vestal who does very well & a Bodley girl comes from 4-7. to help. I have the books all grouped I Bibl. prima; II B. secunda; III B. literaria; IV B. historica; V B. biographica; VI B. bibliographia; VII Incunabula; VIII Mss. The literary section will be the most interesting - poets, novels, plays, works, by Doctors, or in which the profession is portrayed. Do you know of any good novels in which the Doctor of the West or South figures. The N.E. ones are easy to get.

Love to you all

Yours ever

W^m Osler