

From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.

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Dear Hurd,

I hope you are having a good summer and that you are gradually getting more vision. We are keeping very well, busy as usual with so many people coming and going all the time. We had a wedding from the house recently, Dr. Fitz's son, whom I dare say you know to one of our girls, Phoebe Wright, a sister of Mrs. Campbell Howard.

The American invasion of England is most thrilling. I visited the Hospitals at Winchester, Southampton and Portsmouth and saw many old friends. Elting who was in charge at Portsmouth has been transferred to the Roosevelt unit in France. Washburn spent the week-end with us recently; he spoke much of you and your work.

We have ten nice American Orthopedic students in Oxford, among them young Robert Johnson who is an exceptionally fine fellow.

I have just returned from a holiday in Devon and spent a few days at one the new neurological hospitals where they carry out with extraordinary success the simple practice of mental and moral suasion without any hypnotism or psycho-analysis.

Perhaps you have seen the cinema films which I had sent out from the National Research Committee- taken by Dr. Hurst?

My library grows, even in these hard times. I got the great ed. princ. 1543 of Copernicus and the Ed. Princ. of Plato a few weeks ago. Everything is catalogued and we are now going over the cards making notes and putting in order with a view to ultimate publication.

Young Morton sent me a most interesting set of his father's Ether Papers. The duplicates were presented to the Royal Society of Medicine with a note on the subject which I have sent to the Annals of Medical History. I am afraid it will not please our brothers in the South and the Longites.

We had Boggs with us on and off during his visit to England to study the flying problems. Strong has been staying in the house for three weeks superintending the printing at the Oxford Press of his big Trench Fever Report, a splendid bit of work.

I spent three days at Cambridge last week, where the Summer School was devoted to American subjects, particularly Education. I lectured on the Evolution of Scientific Medicine in U.S. Albutt is in fine form, 83 and cycling about 10 to 15 miles a day. I went on to the Heart Hospital at Colchester where Lewis has some twenty Americans in Training. I have got that History of the Medical Clinic partly written, I suppose there is no special hurry. Our love

With the girls
W.D.