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Dear Shepherd

Billey Francis has come from Mallock with the sad news of Ernests death. We had not noticed it in the Times of yesterday. It will be a hard blow for you & the dear girls. We can realize your sorrow and sympathize with you in our heart of hearts. The war has taken an awful <sup>toll</sup> ~~lot~~ in these young lives. Of the twenty members of the College Club in London 15 of us have lost sons, & some like poor Garrod two; another friend has lost all three. It is particularly hard to have these tragedies happen to us towards the end of our lives, & when Fortune in other respects has been so kind. My love to dear Cecil & to Dorothy. Poor girls! they will be heart-broken. I hope Cecil keeps well & her old illness has now left no traces. I have not seen Sherry for months. I will write as he may have had some news. Love to you all.

Your old & affectionate friend

W<sup>m</sup> Osler

*Ernest Shepard was in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Highlanders and was killed while leading his men near Burlon Wood Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1918. He had returned to Geneva for Bramshott camp some time before.*  
H.S.