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Letter to F.M. C. C.

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Oxford, England.  
July 20th, 1919.

Dear Mac:

Three things: First, forgiveness for my shocking, inexcusable, unpardonable neglect, but just ask that dear Amy to intercede - though your dear kind letter and that generous article in the July Bulletin show me that your mind is still unhardened. Grace will have told you what a racket and a mess I have been in, but no excuses - it has been just a miserable shifting procrastination of which I am very much ashamed, particularly after all you have done.

Secondly, I hope to get my share of the Textbook finished this fall. We go to Jersey on the 28th and I shall have six weeks free for the Nervous System and some tags that are left over.

Thirdly, about the System. Leas wrote a couple of months ago. What extent of revision do they wish? There are two new Systems on the stocks - the Nelson one of which they asked me to take the English Editorship, but of course with the System and a possible 3rd edition I could not - and MacKenzie and Christian's, of which parts are out.

Archie Malloch is staying over here for a few months at least and could help as he will not have much to do. He is working up some Textbook items and is most helpful.

You will have seen about the *textbook* presentation. Allbutt looked so well - and is wonderful for 83, so keen about everything, and looking about 65.

Grace keeps well free from "rheumatism", but an occasional twinge in the fibrous tissues. I wish she would go to Harrogate. I may induce her to go somewhere after we return.

I hope your father and mother keep well. They must have been pleased with Macphail's volume. The poems are fine. Poor Jack! 'tis a heavy loss at McGill, and to us all.

I do hope you may be able to come over next year. You should take a term off and get a good holiday. I had one of my old pneumococcus bronchitis attacks just after the 12th - four days of it, but am all right again.

Love to Amy.

Yours ever,

Wm. Osler.