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From Dr. Friedel Pick to W.O.
(Script - copied exactly as written). Prag,
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Dear Sir William!

Just returned from my vacation-trip y found your letter perhaps retained by "ctnastastie" - and beg you and Lady Osler to accept my hearty thanks. It is the first sunbeam after a long time of darkness and humiliation - often, when we spoke of the consequences of the war, y said, that the heaviest thing will be the impossibility to travel in countries, where y spend so enjoying days like in England and Francia, and nevermore to be able to meet friends like you.

Personally y came through quite tolerably; y had a great internal service in the head-hospital of the Austrian red-cross at Prague and as y had no internal wards before - y was not allowed to be the successor of P'ro'bram in internal clinics and am only charged with teaching laryngology - it was interesting for me, to make some work in internal medicine in this four years. We did it so well, as we could with voluntary assistance in a improvised hospital and some small reprints, which y send in same time, will show it to you.

Now y am busy in tuberculosis-work as chairman of the german - branch society against **consumption** in Prague.

It was so very kind of you to offer your aid to me - y heard from Wenckebach how important your help was to the Vienna children - but personally y am - as a bachelor and having a great consulting practice although between agrarian people - for the moment needless, but if y wants anything in future, y shall not fail to appeal to your friendliness.

Your question regarding the future of the German University is not easy to answer., President Masaryk and his friends in the government are surely willing to do no harm to her, but in such time full of trouble the best will of prominent men is not able to retain the chauvinistic crowd, that does not suffer to see German inscriptions on the Institutes and to hear German language in the street and tramcars. Such intentions, in which - strange to say - although some professors of the Czechian faculty agree, who propose in the newspapers to take away the best buildings of our faculty, have the consequence, there is a increasing part in our ranks, that wishes to transfer the university to a town of the German North of Bohemia, such as Reichenberg. It is not an easy thing to install an old University with more than 2000 students in such a little town, who suffers already now from need of lodgings and to transfer even provisionally all the institutes, but perhaps nothing else will be left to us. The decision of these questions will not be made before next spring - after the elections of regular deputys, when although representatives of the Germans - who are shown by the elections for the

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municipal councils to number 32% of the inhabitants of Bohemia - will enter the National Assembly, from where they are entirely excluded. In the mean-while we must " wait and see".

Pseudocirrhosis with Polycythaemia y have seen once in a man aged 58. Anamnesis contained a story/resembling pericarditis in adolescent, afterwards was made the diagnosis of cirrhosis (Ascites, no oedema of the legs, often tapping, liver moderately enlarged); in last times when y have seen him, there were F,300,000 red corpuscles and the spleen very great, but only some months ago, as the ordinary physician said. Y made the diagnosis of Tuberculosis of the spleen complicating a chronic tuberculous Polyserositis. If your lecture on the two cases in soldiers is printed, y would be very glad, to receive a copy.

Y beg your pardon for the defects of this letter, but in the last years my English is infortunatly rusted in by lack of practice.

With repeated thanks for your kind letter and respectfull regards for Lady Osler, y remain, dear Sir William,
Yours sincerely

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