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(Dr. H. V. Ogden)  
131 S 15th St.

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Tuesday. April

Dear Ogden:

Your very nice sections & photos came safely. That from the tumor of foot is evidently myeloid sarcoma, springing doubtless as they sometimes do, from the periosteum. The other, I am in doubt as to the true nature & have not yet gone over it very carefully. You will have quite a nice microscopical section. Have you used Gramm's method for staining bacilli and micrococci. It is exceptionally good. Section or top cover in the solution of Gent. violet & aniline oil for a variable time, 10 minutes to 24 hrs. (for sections the latter) then transfer to sol. of Iodine grs XXIV. Pot. iod. grs XLVIII. destil. water 1 pint. In a watch glass the iodine sol. takes the stain from all the structures except the microorganisms. Then transfer to absol. alcoh. & the alcohol washes out the iodine & the dye and leaves a perfectly colorless slide or section in which only the microbes retain the stain. Do you get good staining fluids in Milwaukee? R. & J Beck Optic. here (on Chestnut St.) keep good magenta fluid for Bacillus tubercul. rapid method, & Hayes, Chemist. Cor. Broad & Walnut, makes good Gent. & Methyl violet stains & Bis. brown. If you don't get them good in M. let me send you some. I shall send you a copy of my Dutchman's lectures in a day or so. Was in Toronto for Easter. All well. May had typhoid. Percy comes of age today and what is more satisfactory comes into \$60 or 70,000. Saw Reynolds in Hamilton. He seems thriving. Do you go to New Orleans? I shall go to Winnipeg by the Lakes. Feel quite at home here now. A few consultations have come in. Finished exams. Methods very much behind McGill. Men are pretty bright. Let me know about the stains. So much depends on getting them well made. If you would like some good slides of T.bacilli or top covers charged with sputum containing them say the word.

Yours ever,  
Wm. Osler.

P. S. I have no photo of you.

Send one along. Hope your bd. has grown.

Gilstonian

*Working in Pathology*

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