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Dear Sir William: I have read your letter to Pres. Remsen and trust that it will give the coup-de-grace to any further efforts to disrupt our medical School. I need not say that I felt deeply touched by your kind reference to the work done in our department. We have already held numerous meetings with a view to bettering our service and making a fuller use of our opportunities.

I am back in camp recovered from my gall bladder-adhesion operation, free from pain and trying to work out my digestive problems.

I think I wrote you soon after it was all over that the whole experience has been one of the most blessed things that has ever come to me in my life. It has taught me so many precious lessons. I feel as though I had grown greatly in experience and knowledge as to what are the true values in life. If true knowledge is worth sacrifice then that is a sufficient answer to one good friend who condoled with me over the "inscrutable ways of Providence." It gave me a text for several letters to friends. Yarrow wrote me from Washington to be sure and let him know

if I could explain or see any possible good in such an experience. I then wrote him fully all that it meant dwelling especially on the fact that "good deeds" (Everyman's) and self-righteousness utterly forsook me when I stood before the blackness of the eternal gates as I laid myself down on the operating table. It was good then just to rest in Christ's work & to put my hand in His.

Forgive me old man for talking so much of self and such an ordinary event. But you know my longing, which is ever the same, that all those I love should think alike with me as to Christ, that He is God's Son the Savior of the world, & especially

Yours and my personal Savior.
I cannot tell you how kind the
Mayos were. They are certainly
not only doing the largest but the
best surgery in the world and are
surrounded by a big corps of about
70 enthusiastic scientific helpers.
Their whole work is thoroughly
scientific. I wish we had the
same splendid spirit of hearty
cooperation in Baltimore.
The old spirit seems gone, we
have drifted away from it somehow,
and yet without it we cannot do
great things. All kinds of new rules
and gifts of money cannot make
up the deficiency, & yet no one
seems to appreciate this patent
fact. Please give my affectionate
regards to Lady Osler and my
boy

Always affectionately Yours
Howard A. Kelly