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Dear Jacob

I am so sorry  
to hear that you have been  
knocked out. I hope the voyage  
has put you to rights. I have  
changed my plans. Some  
matters came up about our  
proposed new laboratories &  
clinique-rooms at the Radcliffe,  
which it is important for me  
to try to settle before the end of  
next term. An old cove called  
Bonsloe, aged 88, formerly Surgeon  
of the Hospital surprised me  
by leaving £8000 to it. The

Managers have agreed to put up  
Laboratories, but there is a hitch about  
the land, & I may be able to induce  
the Trustees of the Radcliffe Fund  
to give a bit of land next the Infirmary.  
We had a splendid month in  
Florence. Wonderful city! I  
picked up a few treasures.  
Olschki was the best Antiquarian  
outside Germany - & I suppose  
for Inscrutabilia the best in Europe.  
From him Henry Walters bought  
his collection - en masse - 500.  
In Venice I got a fine School of  
Tavernier 1480 - one of the earliest  
editions. Altogether I have had  
some fine hauls - particularly  
of the good old Italian, Bologna  
& Padua were quite up to my  
expectations. P. is perhaps a bit

disappointing - the Aula is wonderful. We  
had nearly a million Venetian & other glass  
days. I saw the unique, 1538, six plates of  
Vesal - very interesting in comparison with his  
1543 work as the drawings tho. done by Calcar  
are much inferior. Many years ago Sir Herbert  
Mantwell had them reproduced but his copy is  
very rare. I shall get an estimate from the Press -  
they would be worth reproducing. The Italians  
are very up to date in library work - the catalogues  
are excellent. We spent the day at Verona -  
not much there & left the Amphitheatre. They  
had not even a copy of Trajan's Forum in  
the library! I saw the Spedale Maggiore here  
the am. greatly changed internally since  
John Morgan's description in 1759. It is one of  
the largest in Europe. I am going to see G. Agi  
at Ravenna tomorrow.

I have written to Chataud about the delay  
the meeting as I now shall be out by the  
22nd but I suppose they may as well keep  
the one already fixed. I am sorry to have  
disarranged unnecessarily their arrangements,  
but I did not know until a week ago that  
I would have to go back to England.  
I am glad to see that Rinnick is with  
you. I am sending him a line as I hope to  
catch him in London.

Do let us have a line say how you are.  
We leave here Sunday night and will be  
at the Grand Hotel Trafalgar Square Monday  
night. With love to Mrs Jacobs

Ever yours

M. W. B.