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My dear Oulu

You will have
rec^d by the mail which im-
mediately preceded this the
Deans reply to your letter
and although Botany may
not be as urgent a
subject to you as Practical
Physiology I hope you will
feel that the College is doing
what it can towards ad-
vancing of interests &
securing for you some
official connection with
the University - If I un-
derstand Dr Dawson
correctly he looks forward

not only to giving you above
the Medical Class in Botany
but - ultimately the Art Class
as well - which would of
course make it pay more.
and if you felt - competent
it appears to me probable
that he would instruct
Zoology as well to your
care.

The University is so
slow to remedy that it has
set the means of endowing
a Chair in practical physi-
ology and as a new professor
has just entered upon the
Chair of Institutes, it
remains to be seen how
far it may be necessary

a curriculum to establish
believe in practical physi-
ology at present - While it
is quite plain that you
must qualify yourself for
the full practice of your
profession I am of opinion
that you will be wise to
cultivate those more scientific
departments for which you
have an aptitude & in which
you have already done some
work - It seems to me that
two or three hours a day in
a physiological laboratory
and such practical you have
attended class the wards
of a good hospital & given

have pursuing your studies
in pract. anatomy. After
you have finished your work
when you find, none in your
place I shall go to Germany
to work under some of the
great - histologists Vichow,
or Rindfleisch in Berlin
or Rom or Vienna.

Your scientific education
will be one of your best intro-
ductions to practice & will
I have no doubt secure
you a position as a teacher
in a very short time in
some one of the best medical
schools in this country.
On that point I have no

doubt - Although, of course
you must decide for
yourself (and I will offer
the advice which personal
regard suggests -
in this rapidly growing
country in which the medi-
cal schools are alive &
enterprising, a man poss-
essed of any scientific
training beyond the average
of his fellows is sure to
make himself felt & more
or less appreciated the
time must come when
his services will be sought.

While thus you take
a dresser shop in a classical
club place in some
hospital & familiarly of self
with protractors & Ophthalmos-
scopes & Stethoscopes & what
not, I would not omit
something in the laboratory
so many hours in the
week, even altho: I saw
no immediate prospect
of teaching practical physio-
logy - However, botany
is so closely related to
physiology, & both to pathologi-
cal histology that the time

given to the latter two will
not altogether be useless to the
past. Dr. Dausen indeed
told me that Scientific
botany understood as not
taught, that you will have
wished of Germany for special
instruction in it, just as
a necessary part through
learning of practical physio-
logy. Because this long &
cumbersome letter, which you
are not to regard as my own
views for your consideration
and guidance - I am glad
to hear that you feel up to
work in good spirits -

Should you have wd. D. Wright's
name upon books for the
books if you can spare the
money & time, I wd advise
you to run up to Edinburgh for
the R.C.S. - which will cost
very little & coming back here it
will do you no harm to have
a diploma fr. the "Old Country"
altho: not intrinsically worth
more than if said obtained here.

Remember me kindly to Thomas
- drop me a line now & then
when you can spare the time
that we know of - doing as
I am interested in them
With many wishes for a happy
Xmas to yourself & Thomas
Remain bel yours
R. Howard