

Fairbairn-Thomson letters, 1904.

Fr. Prof. Thomson to Dr. Fairbairn.  
(Script).

159, Woodstock Road,  
Oxford.

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Dear John,

I fear I haven't got the time to enter into a lengthy discussion of the various points you raise.

I must content myself with giving you ~~one~~ very good reason why I cannot **fall** in with your request. So far as I can ascertain, the University is not likely to allow the new Regius exemption from his lecture duties. Had it been prepared to do so, we might still have retained Sanderson but in his case after having had leave of absence granted for a year, it was felt that no further dispensation could be made.

It is clear then that the University is going to insist on lectures as part of the statutable duties and I fail to see how a clinician is to make his lectures either profitable or acceptable to the men here.

As I said before, I'll be loyal to the nominee of the Crown, it matters not whether he be representative of my system or yours.

Meanwhile let us live in peace.

Yours ever,

ARTHUR THOMSON.