

C O P Y.

Ingersoll Lecture.
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1 West Franklin St.,

Baltimore, Md.

Dec. 19th, 1902.

Dear President Eliot:→

I regret exceedingly that I have again to decline your kind invitation to deliver the Ingersoll Lecture. The temptation to accept was very strong, particularly as I have been collecting data for some years on "this business of death", as Milton terms it, but the winter's work is now so exacting that I could not possibly find the necessary time for preparation. If you could give me a year's notice on some other occasion, so that I could have my free summer for the work, I should be only too glad to deliver the lecture.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Wm. Osler.

cf. August 21st 1902

President Charles W. Eliot,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

cf. original in Hester House. I have
seen of the lib. & grateful for
King Richard in relation to his
study of last words. used in prepⁿ
for address. offered by it. Pres. Eliot
confer.

cf. "Hester House" for further notes to this
subject.