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Dear Shattuck

My acceptance of the Oxford position will, I dare say, have been a surprise to you - not more so than to myself.

Tis a peaceful quiet spot to which to retire, and far from the madding crowd. I hope to have time for my literary work, which of late I have had to neglect very much. It is, like all the Oxford professorhsips a purely ornamental position in which a man does as much or as little as he likes. I can and possibly shall - live in London part of the time, as the duties can I believe be performed in a single term. The School is growing, and could be put on as good a footing as that of Cambridge.

I do not leave until the spring.

Love to the Georges.

Yours ever

Wm Osler.