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(Prof. J. J. Abel)

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S. S. "Cedric",

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Dear Abel

I am very sorry to tell you that I have accepted the chair of Medicine at Oxford. - to leave next Spring. It is a quiet academic position - otium cum dignitate - with as much or as little to do as one likes. I have been heading the wrong direction for the past few years & the end of each session has found me pretty well flattened out. I feel that I could not stand the pace much longer & this give a chance to drop out quietly - After all I have had thirty years of incessant work & it is time to slacken a bit. To do so in Baltimore would be impossible. I appreciate how much I sacrifice - colleagues friends, income u s w - but the die is cast & I feel in my marrow that I am doing the proper thing & what is more important Mrs. Osler feels so too

With love to Mrs Abel.

Ever yours

W^m Osler.