S. S. "Cedric".

Aug. 6th. [1904]

Dear Halsted:

You will be sorry to hear that I have accepted the Chair

of Medicine at Oxford - not to leave until next Spring. I am tired of

the rushing life and the peace & repose of the old University appeals to

me. 'Tis a purely academic position with as little or as much teaching

as I like & only a few very select students. I shall miss the larger

clinic & all my old friends very sadly, but I am sure it is the proper

thing as I have been heading down hill of late & the pace has told. The

worst will be parting from my old colleagues - no man has ever had better,

& I hate to think that I should be the first to break our happy circle.

Love to Mrs. Halsted.

Sincerely yours,

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