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From D.B. Monro. (Vice-Chan.)
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Offer Fellowship Oriel.

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Dear Dr Osler,

Some little time ago I had the pleasure of hearing privately from Mr Balfour that you had accepted the Regius Professorship of Medicine at Oxford. Your reception at the great gathering of members of your profession in which I had the satisfaction of taking part left no doubt of their approval of the appointment, which indeed, though made by the Prime Minister, I cannot but regard as one of the chief distinctions of my term of office as Vice-Chancellor.

As you are perhaps aware the appointment is made by a patent which has been or will be sent to you from the Home Office. The date of the patent will fix the beginning of your period of office, and I shall be glad to know it, for official purposes. In any case I understand that you will not make the move to Oxford till next spring. I do not anticipate any difficulty about this, but some arrangements may have to be made. The Regius Professor is ex officio Senior Examiner in the examinations for Degrees in Medicine. As such he has to make various arrangements such as providing suitable cases for the clinical examinations. There is a provision however that in the absence of the Regius the Vice-Chancellor may nominate some other medical professor to act as his substitute. This was done at the last examination in the absence of Sir John Burdon Sanderson, when Prof. Arthur Thomson did all that was needed. The same course can be followed regarding the examinations next Term.

I may add a few words as to the formalities of becoming a member of the University. With our curious double system it is necessary, or at least desirable, to be a member of one of the Colleges. May I say, in case you have not yet fixed upon a College, that it would be a special pleasure to me and I venture to say to all the Fellows of Oriel, if I might put your name on the books of the College?

The next step is matriculation, or becoming a member of the University. This follows immediately on being admitted to a College. Then Convocation passes a Decree conferring the Degree of Doctor of Medicine. You are then a member of Convocation with the vote and all rights and privileges.

I am at present going through a course of baths here. We hope to return to Oxford in a week or two.

Yours very truly,

D. B. MONRO.

Dr W^m Osler.