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Philadelphia, May 11. 1891.

Dr William Osler,

My dear Sir,

A joint Committee, consisting of Ex-Mayor Fidler, professor Hobart A. Hare, and the undersigned, has been appointed by the unanimous action of the Board of Trustees, and of the Faculty, of the Jefferson Medical College of this city, to communicate with you with reference to the vacant Chair of Practice of Medicine and Clinical Medicine in that Institution. We would be much pleased to have the favor of a personal interview with you, and will gladly come to Baltimore for that purpose. If however you are likely to be in Philadelphia within a few days, and will kindly advise us to that effect, we can meet you here if it will be equally convenient and agreeable to you. We will cheerfully consult your wishes in this respect.

Very Resp'y. Yr. Obt. Svt.

FURMAN SHEPPARD.

Press cutting attached.

*Foot-note.*  
Two weeks ago the Press announced that the chair of practice of medicine in the Jefferson had been offered to Dr William Osler, who is now professor of practice of medicine in Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. At the meeting of the Jefferson faculty Friday night it was decided to recommend Dr Osler's election, in spite of his refusal to accept their offer. The position carries a salary of \$6000 a year, which of itself would not tempt Dr Osler to leave a \$5000 position in Baltimore, where the university has had a complete laboratory fitted up for his especial use. However, Dr Osler said recently to a friend here that he would like to return to Philadelphia, and it is said by his friends that if the salary at Jefferson were increased to \$10,000 Dr Osler would likely accept. It is supposed that the trustees if they elect him will do so with the understanding that the "terms shall suit".

In the event of this plan falling through, Dr James C. Wilson, one of the four chief visiting physicians to the Jefferson Hospital, will be pushed as a candidate. He graduated from the college in 1849 and has a large private practice.