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Private.

My dear Osler, *[Mitchell Thompson]*

You seem to have made a very favourable impression on the Lord Provost to judge by the letter a copy of which I enclose. I feel sure he will support your claims and will probably carry the other members of the Town Council on the board of Curators. It is very unfortunate that there is no mechanism by which a man can be invited but it seems they are bound to advertise any vacancy. You will see by his letter that the date ~~has~~ been put off, practically in order to give you plenty of time to send in your application.

If I can only find a list of your works which I got drawn up when you were up for the Royal, it would be of great service to you and save you a lot of trouble. I am going to Croxley Green next week and will have a search for it. I remember being astounded at the length of the list and the variety of the subjects.

As I said in my last letter what will be wanted is a formal application accompanied by a statement of career and a list of published works and a few (a very few) first class testimonials. I will further get Lord Lister and a few other representative medical men in London to write directly to the Curators: such letters are even better than formal testimonials. Turner, who is the most influential man here, will give you his quiet support and so far as I can judge you have the good wishes of most members of the Faculty of Medicine - although since some of the local candidates are their personal friends they do not care to express themselves openly. "Nature" and the "British Medical" and I believe the "Lancet" will warmly insist upon your paramount claims, and the Curators will find it almost impossible to ignore the strong expression of opinion which will be elicited as soon as it is definitely known that you are to send in an application.

I am beginning to feel quite reconciled to leaving London now that there seems a prospect of your coming here and we shall soon have quite a number of comparatively young men when Turner and Graeme Brown and Simpson retire.

Yours ever,

E. A. SCHÄFER.

*Get the Journal!  
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*The envelope from the Lord Provost received Osler*