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(To Dr. L. F. Barker)

1, West Franklin St.

Wednesday [April 5]

~~(circa April 1, 1905)~~

Dear Barker

I have not had a moment free since yesterday morning to send you a line of congratulation. Every one here is much pleased, & I think the way the announcement has been made has softened the disappointment to Thayer. You will get a very hearty welcome from Faculty & students, & you have so many friends in the profession here that it will be like coming home. I hope you will be able to come on before I leave as there are many things to talk over & arrange. The work of the clinic has grown enormously & the teaching has increased to a serious degree - the classes being larger this year than we have ever had & next year the wards will be crowded. The private work, so important for the hospital also grows & takes much time of the 1st & 2nd assistant. In a way it is a burden but it is most essential to foster for the income it brings to the Hospital. The heavy work of it must be thrown on the assistants - the chief cannot possibly do more than general direction. Of course Thayer, Fitcher & McCrae make a very strong trio. I do hope Mac will stay - he is very strong as a teacher & full of sense. Fitcher is a saint, you know him well. Cole the 1st assistant is a fine fellow. Emerson & Howard could not be better & Boggs who has the bacteriology is A. 1. The new clin room & your new rooms - a private one & two private laboratories will be most convenient. Much remains in the way of organization for higher lines of work - & this you can do. I leave on the 19th of May. If you could come a couple of days before the Meeting in Washington it would be nice or when you can.

Yours ever

W. O.

Love to your Family!