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From the Vice Chancellor of the University.

Magdalen College,  
OXFORD.

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My dear Dr. Osler.

Leave of Absence.

I held a Meeting of the Visitation Board this afternoon as I said I would, and brought your application before them. The Board, as I felt certain would be the case, recognized the propriety of your application and were quite willing to recommend to the Hebdomadal Council that you should be granted leave of absence and dispensation from the performance of statutory duties during this next Academic year. One or two points however came up which required further consideration. It is necessary for the Board, under the Statute, when such dispensation is granted, to provide for the performance of the duties by the appointment of a competent deputy and to fix a payment to such deputy to be made out of the emoluments of the Professorship. We understand that you wished Professor Arthur Thomson to act as your deputy in managing the School. We should be quite satisfied with that arrangement. He has done it before and would do it very well. We should like to know however what remuneration you contemplate that he should receive, as we as a Board have to approve it. But further, part of the statutory duties of the Regius Professor of Medicine appears to be delivering two courses of lectures, each course to consist of not less than eight lectures. The Board did not think it would be suitable or right that Professor Arthur Thomson, the holder of another Chair, should be asked to give these lectures. At the same time it is the duty of the Board to provide for their being given. Is there anyone whom you would like to suggest to the Board for their approval as a deputy to deliver these lectures? No doubt some young man would like the chance. Will you also suggest a remuneration for this which I can bring before the Board?

I am sorry to trouble you about these details, but it is necessary as you will see. I am personally delighted to think that you have got off. I hope you will enjoy your wandering year as much as you deserve. Yet you will be very much missed both in University business, in your own Chair and personally.

The Museum Jubilee Celebration was I think a great success and will do good. I should like to send you my Address when it is printed, which some people think it ought to be.\* Harcourt's was very good and interesting.

Yours always.

T. HERBERT WARREN

\* I find it is going to appear in the British Medical Journal.