

To Dr. Geo. Dock - full time! (You probably do not need this, having much more on the subject. If used, please leave my name out. G.D.)

From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Osford

13, Northam Gardens,

October 30th (11)

Dear Dock,

I wish I could send you a copy of my Remsem letter, but as I specifically stated that it was a family affair, and only for the Faculty, I do not think I could send it out, particularly as it deals with personal matters. From the active kick of several of the laboratory men, I am afraid it has worried them a good bit.

It would be a very good thing to have a few men at Research Institutes, Cole at the Rockefeller for example, devoting all their time to the work, but what I dread is to have a class of clinicians growing up out of touch, and necessarily out of sympathy with the profession and with the public. This would be nothing short of a calamity. There are always men of the quiet type like Halsted, who practically live the secluded life, to have a whole Faculty made up of Halsteds would be a very good thing for science, but a very bad thing for the profession.

I am coming out next autumn to lecture at Yale. I have taken the subject "The Evolution of Modern Medicine". I doubt very much if I can get West, but I shall try, of course. I should be very anxious to see you and the new conditions at St. Louis.

Give my love to Mrs. Dock and the boys, it was awfully nice to see you over here this summer and in such good form. I am all right, only an occasional renal twinge. Lady Osler is in America.

Sincerely yours,

Wm Osler