From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford

10, August, 1914

Dear Smith,

With this war going on, and all its possibilities

I shall not leave. Oxford will be one of the big hospital bases, as the

colleges and the big Examination Schools are so suitable. We have already

this week converted the Examination Schools into a hospital for 400 beds.

Fortunately, the country has been expecting this, and the organization has

been remarkably prompt. Of course, you can understand what a disappointment

it is to me.

Sincerely,

Wm. Osler