

From the Regius of Medicine, Oxford.

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Dear Birkett,

Keogh told me yesterday that he could not say at present where you will go at first. The truth is they are a good deal tied up, in the first place waiting for Kitchener's Army, and then there have been great delays in getting material and the proper preparations for a series of big base hospitals in France. So that his advice was not to hurry, as you might only be tied up here, kicking your heels doing nothing.

The present position is very awkward. There are thousands of vacant beds at Boulogne, the hospitals here are not half full so that the men have not work enough to do, and yet there must be constant preparation for an enormous increase within the next few months. The men will simply have to exercise patience, as the delays are unavoidable....

Keogh is very appreciative of all that has been done at McGill and feels sure that it will be one of the strong units in the Army. He asked me please to tell you to regard all this as private.

Revere is getting into his work well at Clevedon, and is with an excellent quartermaster, and Col. Gorrell makes him toe the line.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Wm. Osler.