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Sir William Osler to A. Thomson

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Sp 4th
(1904).

Dear Thomson,

I found your nice letter of the 4th ult. on my return a few days ago. I am sure that I shall be very happy with you all at Oxford. Of course I shall miss my large clinic and the opportunity of daily contact with the students in the wards. As I wrote to Sanderson (when he suggested that I should be a candidate) my chief value as a teacher is in the Hospital. Still I am much interested the general work of the school, and I dare say I can be helpful in promoting the growth.

I am awfully sorry not to be able to come before next Spring. I could not leave them in the lurch at the Hopkins, and I have two or three schemes on hand which necessitate my presence on this side. It is so very kind of you to offer to continue to perform the official duties of the chair. At your leisure do send me a line stating just what they are. Let me know too how far you think it will be possible for me to have a sort of junior clinical class. I do not want to encroach upon Collier's or Ritchie's work, but if it could be arranged the contact with students in this way would be most acceptable.

Sincerely yours,
Wm. Osler.

P.S.
I return to Ballimore Sept. 24th.

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I enclose a letter which was forwarded. Would it not be better to have all letters addressed to the R.P. opened?

W.O.