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To J.C. Schmitt <sup>President of the</sup> ~~for~~

Harvard University,

Cambridge, May 23, 1904.

Dear Dr. Shattuck:-

The Corporation would like very much to get Dr. Osler of Johns Hopkins to spend one year at Harvard - that is, from October 1st to June 1st or July 1st - on the endowed professorship of hygiene which is waiting to be filled. The professorship has been established for the benefit of the students in Cambridge and not as a Medical School professorship. The incumbent is supposed to advise and generally befriend the students in Cambridge, to give some lectures but not many, to act as a consulting physician among them on occasion, but not ordinarily to practice among them or to give stated instruction either in Cambridge or at the Medical School. He would be free to do any hospital work which seemed to him desirable, and to act as a consultant anywhere.

The duties of this professorship are really to be invented; and that is a strong reason, in the minds of the Corporation, for getting Dr. Osler to hold the Chair for a year. When he was in Cambridge to give the Ingersoll lecture, I talked with him on the subject, but found that on account of his great interest in developing clinical instruction, he would bring himself with difficulty to leave even for eight or nine months his opportunities at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. ~~Dr. Councilman thinks that it would be practicable to get Dr. Osler a good chance at the City Hospital. It occurred to me, after I had talked with him, that he had some hesitation about coming to Boston temporarily with freedom to act as consulting physician, lest he might interfere with the practice of some Boston physician. Could you not relieve him entirely of this~~

apprehension, and therefore persuade him to undertake this peculiar and interesting job as a pioneer and inventor? x x x

I have had a pleasant talk with my classmate Professor A. S. Hill, and he seemed to be well-contented with his recent action. I have another classmate who ought to do likewise, namely, Professor James M. Peirce. It frightens me to see him getting slowly up one flight of stairs in University Hall. He ought not to have stated engagements to keep between Christmas and the 1st of May.

Your services to the University have lately been many and various in kind.

Very truly yours,

Charles W. Eliot.

Professor Frederick C. Shattuck.