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Dr.
W. William Osler,
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Baltimore, June 25th, 1904.

Dear Gerhard:-

I am so disappointed to have missed you. When I got back from Buffalo yesterday morning I found that two old friends had sent word they were coming to lunch, both from out of town, and I thought it would be so much nicer to have you and Clark Saturday, when I could see more of you. Now Clark writes that you had to come yesterday, and I missed you altogether. I am very sorry.

My ideas with reference to the W.W. Gerhard memorial are: First, that it should be associated with clinical medicine, in which he distinguished himself so much. Secondly, that it should be connected with the University of Pennsylvania, in which he was a teacher, and with which it is more likely to be a more productive foundation. Thirdly, I would have the appointment made for three years, with an understanding that at least two of them should be spent abroad. Fourthly, I would throw the Fellowship open to competition to men all over the Country, and the man selected should have shown aptitude in clinical work. Fifthly, The amount of the Fellowship should not be less than one thousand dollars a year.

I think you would be perfectly safe in associating the Fellowship with the department of medicine in the University, and the W.W. Gerhard Fellow could work in the Pepper Laboratory, and he should not be precluded, if necessary, from helping in the teaching. The aim and object should be to give some first class man a chance to cultivate himself for work in higher lines of internal medicine, to do for himself in three years of post-graduate study what Spiller, for instance has been able to do in neurology.

I asked Jacobs to send you his paper, which has some reference to your uncle.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) W. Osler.

(To Dr. George S. Gardner)