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Sir William Osler's letter to his Mother.

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S.S. "Cedric",

August 6.

Dear Mother,

You will be both glad and sorry to hear that I am going to England to live, not until next Summer.

I have accepted the Regius Professorship of Physic at Oxford. It is a nice comfortable berth, without very arduous duties. For several months I have had letters from friends asking me to allow my name to be mentioned to the Prime Minister who has the appointment. I consented last week, and Mr. Balfour offered me the post and I accepted. I talked it over with Grace before leaving and she was most anxious that I should take the place. It will be much better for the boy in every way, and I will have a quieter life. We can come out every year and I daresay see more of you than we have done of late. It will be hard to leave the boys in Baltimore and many old friends, but it seems best for many reasons. I cabled Grace, so I suppose she may have written, though I asked her not to make it public as yet . . .