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From W. H. Broadbent.  
To. Sir Herbert Warren.

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Dear President,

I am greatly interested I may say almost excited by the information that Professor Osler has accepted the Regius Professorship. That he was the best man who could be found for Oxford I had no manner of doubt, that he would even for the enviable position of Regius Professor give up what I regard as the finest opportunity scientific and clinical in the world, seemed to me very uncertain. The appointment will be an epoch in the Medical life of the University and will be received with enthusiasm. It will indeed be a service to Medicine in England generally. I hope there will be no such difficulties in his being made Physician to the Radcliffe as those at Addenbrook's which have interfered so seriously with Allbutt's usefulness at Cambridge. It will always be a pleasant recollection that I had the honour of introducing Osler to you. \* \* \*

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We have been here since Monday evening and I am sitting in my old room from one window of which I see the Weisshorn and Matterhorn and from the other the glacier and across to the Bel Alp Sparrenhorn and the foothills of the Gletschorn. One journey to Switzerland was rather a trying one. There had been an accident near Boulogne and in arriving there we were sent back to Calais and round to Bethune and Arras, arriving at Paris at 11.50 instead of 6, missing our Wagon lits and having to come on next morning by a hot crowded and dusty day train. Sunday we spent with friends at Villars.

The weather has been splendid and I am getting into walking form under the most luxurious conditions. We move on to the Eggishorn in a day or two and then if the weather is still fine we make for the Dolomites.

Our united kindest regards to Mrs Warren and yourself and unlimited thanks for the kindness which made our visit to Oxford so pleasant.

Most very sincerely,

W. H. Broadbent.