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Dear Osler,

As I do not know your present address, I am sending this to Oxford in the hope it may ultimately reach you. May I congratulate you on your decision to return to the Old country, and I hope Oxford and England generally will appreciate the honour conferred upon them by your acceptance of the Regius Professorship.

I have just received the enclosed letter from my Co-Dean at King's College, and have thought it best to send it on to you instead of entering into explanations and quotations. You will see the drift of the proposal, and trust that you will at any rate take it into serious consideration. My only fear is that the holding of two posts may be prohibited by the terms of your Oxford Professorship.

Dr Whitfield is perfectly frank when he says 'It would do us a lot of good', and I will not further dwell on what looks like the selfishness of King's College in the matter. May I however suggest that in addition the possession of Hospital beds in London may not be altogether disadvantageous to yourself. No doubt one of the larger Hospitals and bigger schools would have been able to offer you more beds and more scope for your energies, But K.C.H. will not always be a small hospital, and we hope therefore the size of the school will grow.

Some years ago I remember when our Professorship of Medicine fell vacant there was talk of inviting you; but at that time we felt we could offer but little in the way of recompense to induce you to leave Baltimore. Now, altho' we should not be able to give much in the way of pecuniary reward (except indirectly) at present, we can promise an important field for work in our future new Hospital. This is of course only a preliminary feeler which is quite private.

Sincerely yours,

W. D. HALLIBURTON.