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From T.H. Warren, Pres. of Magdalen
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My dear Dr Osler,

May I as Acting Vice-Chancellor, send you a line of greeting, and tell you how unfeignedly rejoiced I am to hear that you have been offered and have accepted the Regius Chair of Medicine in Oxford? It is in a sense the Premier Professorship of Medicine in the Empire, and being the Regius Professorship at the head of the Faculty in the Senior University of the Empire. I count it as singularly happy and of good omen that this place should now be filled by one of your birth and antecedents, Canadian, English and American at once.

But more than that I believe you are the man to fill it happily and effectively with high advantage to Oxford, to England, to the Empire and to the world of Science. It is a most crucial and critical moment for us and our School. It would be lamentable indeed if the work done by Burdon Sanderson and his henchmen following on the large ideas and earlier efforts of Acland, should now have been arrested. You will not allow it to be.

And you will bring, I feel, as I think of your speeches at the Sheldonian and Christ Church Hall, not only science but philosophy to support and reinforce medicine.

I believe then, I can assure you of a very warm general welcome. I can certainly say I welcome you most warmly myself, and look forward to making your better acquaintance with keen interest. I have just seen Burdon Sanderson and found him very happy over it.

If at any time I or my College can be of use to you let me know. Meanwhile Believe me to be

Yours very sincerely,

T. HERBERT WARREN.

I was particularly pleased with what you said about the 'ideals' of Oxford. It made me think Oxford appealed to you as I think she ought to.