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Sir William Osler to Arthur Thomson.
1, West Franklin Street,
Baltimore, Md. Oct. 31st 1904.

Dear Thomson,

Many thanks for your nice long letter with the full statement about the chair. I am so sorry to hear that Richie thinks of leaving. I shall write to the Vice-Chancellor at once. I shall be prepared to back you up in your efforts, or to take the initiative in any way you think advisable. You will have to play guide and philosophic friend. I wish I could come over earlier, but I have so much to arrange and settle; and I had just signed a contract with a publishing firm to bring out a new system of medicine much on the style of Allbutt's, and this work, with the new edition of my text-book and a score of other matters will keep me very busy. As I told Sanderson, my value in a school is almost exclusively as a clinical teacher, and I should be very glad to be able to have a few good men whose work I could guide and help.

With sincere regards,

Very truly yours,
Wm. Osler