

From Lord Robertson.

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Private.

Dear Professor Schöfer,

I have to thank you for the definite information that Professor Osler is a candidate for the Chair.

I am glad that this is the case, for I did not think it practically possible that the Curators should invite him to the Chair of their own motive.

What I have heard of Professor Osler since his name was mentioned leaves me in no doubt as to his reputation. It is right that I should not finally pronounce my adhesion to his cause until I have read and considered what is to be advanced in support of others. But, as you are probably aware, it is absolutely certain that I shall vote for the man whom I believe to be the most highly qualified, irrespective of all personal or local connections. While I fully believe that to those who know Professor Osler it may seem absurd and superfluous that he should produce testimonials, yet your own experience will probably suggest that he must remember that the electors are outside the circle in which even the highest scientific reputations are known, and accordingly it would be wise that this tribute be paid to our ignorance.

Yours v. truly,  
ROBERTSON.

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