

Letter from JOHN THOMSON.

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My dear Dr. Osler,

I cannot help relieving my feelings by writing just a line or two to say how **badly disappointed** many (I believe most) of us here were when we read yesterday in the Lancet and B.M.J. that you had decided not to be a candidate for Our Chair. There is, of course, little doubt that you would easily have got the post, and none at all that you would have had the warmest welcome from the profession. As it is not to be, however, I must not say anything more about it.

I hope you have not given up your intention of being in Edinburgh this year. If we can't get you here to stay, we should like to inspire you with the idea that Edinburgh really lies very much on the way to any place you are likely to want to go to in Europe.

Do not bother to acknowledge this, but believe me regretfully but very cordially

Yours,

John Thomson.