

(Letter to Sir John W. Moore)
Dublin
(typewritten)

17, NORHAM GARDENS,
OXFORD

July 28th, 1905

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Dear Sir John:-

I have such a press of work already for October that it would be quite impossible to accept your exceedingly ^[Dublin] kind and flattering invitation to give the opening address at the Meath Hospital. I shall certainly be present on St. Luke's day. I was afraid too that that might be prevented, as I thought the unveiling of the monument of Sir Thomas Browne had been fixed for that date. I am glad to hear to-day that it is on the 24th. It is really a great regret to me to feel that I could not comply with your request, as both Graves and Stokes are among my special professional "friends." Of course I shall be only too delighted to stay with you.

Sincerely yours,

WM OSLER

Needless to say Graves and Stokes were the ^{two} great ~~Irish~~ physicians who had flourished through the ^{the} Irish ~~medical~~ school into prominence the century before but the letter shows that Osler was becoming involved ^{when possible} ~~for the sake~~ ^{always} ~~he would~~ ^{responded} ~~forwards~~ to such invitations. Sir John persisted but Osler begged off on the ground of his other engagements adding "overlately, too, I am rather dissipated having had a most trying year" - which was probably the real reason. His wife's letter therefore

and which may account for his few recovery letters. These from his wife therefore must contain the story. She writes on July 31st.

Write me!

Just a hint.