

13, Norham Gardens,
Oxford.

Sept. 15th, 10.

Dear J. William,

It was not Von Sch who mentioned first to me that you had thoughts of resigning, it was talked of by one or two of the younger surgeons (not Fraser) when they were with us a few months ago. What I feel about you is just what I felt about Tyson that it would be a thousand pities there should be any rumpus after such a long and devoted service. You are popular with the class, yet for the Professor of Surgery not to operate, and not, so to speak, be in the arena with the younger men, is an anomaly-- and that no doubt is what some of them feel.

It was very nice to see you yesterday, and nicer still to see Mrs. White. That I should have forgotten to ask about your heart is a good indication.

Sincerely yours,

W^m Osler

By the way how is Mrs. Abbey - what a curious condition!