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Letter from Robert Doyne to W. O.

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Dear Osler,

Yours of Apl. 26 to hand. The question has before been raised and my attitude known, tho' probably not to yourself. The same conditions prevail at Reading, Winchester and other hospitals and during the long time I have held the appointment at the Radcliffe no hitch or inconvenience has ever been reported to me, nor during the time I was resident in Oxford has any emergency ever been brought to my notice, which would have made my residence in Oxford essential. The reintroduction of the question at the present time is significant. Those who desire to get rid of me could not have made a more clever

or plausible suggestion, or more difficult to refute by argument, tho' there is really nothing in it, any more than there ever has been. I cannot without very careful consideration say exactly what my attitude will be if the question is carried further. I am inclined to think that I am "too old at 53" to work for ophthalmology in Oxford in the face of opposition and I would like to think that the Diploma in ophthalmology is influentially established to no longer need the help I give in mind, body, and purse. I certainly shall not cling to office from any personal motives.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Doyne.