(Typewritten)   (Dr. Lewellys Barker)

                                        13, Norham Gardens, Oxford
                                        May 18th, 1911.

Dear Barker,

        It is so nice to hear that you are out of the hands of the
surgeons.   I do hope you will now get well rapidly.

        Of course I am intensely interested in this question of 'whole
time' clinical men.   There are a great many points in favour; it would be
a great thing for the country to have teachers and investigators at the
Hospitals who were relieved entirely from the cares of private practice.
It is a very hard thing to serve two masters.   On the other hand it would
cut a man off a good deal from association with his colleagues, and from
what is with many men, it certainly was with me, a most interesting part of
one's work - the contact with all sorts and conditions of people in all sorts
of places.   The one plan may make a better physician, but the other is likely
to develop a stronger man.

        Then there is the financial question.   It is not a bad thing for
a Faculty to have a few men in it who have money to spend, in the way for
instance that Kelly has done.   Had we started on the suggested plan we could
not have made anything like the same impression on the profession.   The
Trustees have, and I think Dr. Hurd has too, an exaggerated idea of the
large fortunes made by the clinical men.*   The salary that I have heard
suggested, 7500, would be of course impossible.   I do not see how you and
Thayer could possibly get along with less than double that amount.   I am
afraid too the tendency would be to make the Hospital more and more a centre
for private patients, who should of course be charged large fees; and in the
case of the surgeons the Hospital should not come into competition with other
men.   A dozen appendicitis cases would pay a salary.

        I shall be very interested to hear how the matters have been
settled.

        Love to the family and Miss Humpton.

                                        Sincerely yours,

                                        Wm Osler

    *I left all my clinical earnings
    in the U.S. Ask BOH where they went.
    I took nothing away except text-book
    earnings not all of them! which in-
    cluded what I got for the house.