

FROM THE REGIUS PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE

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Dear Flexner:

Thanks for your cable and for your letter of the 29th.

I was at the War Office yesterday, and Keogh said that the supply had arrived. I tried to induce them to appoint Robb, as you suggested, but there are apparently difficulties in the way. From what he tells me, I do not know that he could get away. Gordon, of Bart's, has been detailed for the work.

The day before yesterday I saw the first case we had had at the Canadian Hospital, Clevedon, and I am glad to hear this morning that the man has had it and seems better, and Robb writes that he has got it, so that I hope we shall now hear of better results. We have been manufacturing a fresh stock at the Lister, but I have not yet heard any full details of how it has turned out. The epidemic is declining, but there are still a good many cases in different localities - nowhere any very large numbers. The civilian population at Salisbury seems to have suffered more than anywhere else. They have had about 50 cases. I am very sorry they did not keep Ellis in the country, but he had to go off with his unit to France.

Many thanks for the book. I got one of the earliest copies that came to this country, and mentioned it in my preliminary note in the B. M. J., and they tell me at Lippincott's that there has been a great run on it, so that I think they must have it everywhere.

As far as one can hear, the sickness among the troops in France is not great. Keogh showed me the weekly returns of the typhoid, and in the entire troops at home and abroad there never have been more than 200 cases at a time. He says that the French and the Belgians, and in places the Germans, are having it pretty hot.

Love to "old man Meltzer" and Loeb and Cole and others, and particularly, of course, to Mrs. Flexner and the children.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Wm. Osler