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Dear Dr. Osler:

The next Congress of Physicians and Surgeons is to be held next year, that is in 1919, unless the date is changed. It happens that I have been made president of the congress, and one of my agreeable duties is to add to the interest of the proceedings by endeavoring to induce you to come over for the congress. The meeting will probably be held in May or early June. Formerly, as you know, the place of meeting was Washington, but it is highly improbable, on account of war conditions, that the congress could be held in Washington next year, because of the impossibility of securing hotel accommodations. Some other city in the East must therefore be chosen. The particular one has not yet been decided upon. Perhaps the predominant inclination is for Atlantic City which has abundant hotel accommodations and would be more or less pleasant at that time of the year.

But the chief concern of everyone is that you should attend the congress. That is the one thing on which there is complete unanimity. Is this asking too much and are you too deeply engaged in war and other important activities to come?

I need not tell you how you would be received, and how greatly pleased and honored everyone would feel if you could be present.

Our thoughts are with you and Mrs. Osler a great deal, and I hope that you are both quite well. I am sending you warmest regards.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Simon Flexner.

Sir William Osler,
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