

Letter from H. BURDON SANDERSON

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My dear Sir,

My friend Dr. Osler has asked me to write to you with reference to his fitness to undertake his duties of Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Osler, as I daresay you know, pursued his study of physiology for some time in his Physiol. Laboratory of University College, London, where I was then Professor. He devoted himself specially to the histological side of his subject with which he acquired a very thorough acquaintance, but did not neglect other parts of it. In a paper communicated to the Royal Society when he was in London, he described and studied for the first time these peculiar structures in the blood to which Bizzozza has more recently called "Blut plättchen" and written about at great length without sufficiently recognizing the previous and perfectly accurate investigations of Dr. Osler.

Since Dr. Osler's settlement in Montreal, he has followed out his physiological studies in the directions of anatomical and clinical pathology. From his papers on these subjects and from what I know otherwise of his occupations during his last few years as a clinician. I have no doubt that he is very well qualified to undertake his duties of a clinical teacher. I believe him to be thoroughly acquainted with his present position of pathology and likely to advance it by his own work. I also think that if he were appointed Professor in a great University he would exercise a good influence in promoting earnest study among his pupils.

I hoped until a short time ago to have the pleasure of meeting you either at Montreal or at Philadelphia this autumn. I am prevented by _____ from which although I am convalescent I am not sufficiently so to undertake the journey.

I am, My dear dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

H. Burdon Sanderson.