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(Dr. H.V. Ogden)

The Johns Hopkins Hospital,
~~North Broadway,~~ Baltimore, Nov. 8th, 1892.

Dear O: -

You may remember I wrote you some time ago, asking whether you had any thought of ever leaving your present place, and saying how glad I should be if you could pitch your tent with us. It has just occurred to me that you might like to know the following circumstances. I have always had, in addition to the first assistant and the four or five juniors, a special assistant, whose work has been largely in the Medical Dispensary in differentiating and supervising the cases between the hours of ten and one daily. You may remember that Thayer came to me to do this work three years ago, and a very good man, Barker, has been doing it for the past two years. It is not a paid position, but the man has his quarters in the hospital. Now I have been on the lookout for a long time for some one who might settle in the town and devote three hours a day to the Medical Dispensary, acting as its chief, just as Finney acts as chief of the Dispensary on the Surgical side. The man who would take it now, however, while he stayed in the hospital would have to do the bacteriological work on the medical side, which is, however, not very much, and the technique of which could be easily acquired. It has just occurred to me that such a berth (chief of the Med. Dispen) would ultimately be a very pleasant one for you, and if you spent six or nine months in the hospital you could in that way get to know the town, and the men, and could make a more satisfactory start. Of course you know the hospital well enough, and the sort of men we have about here. As I wrote you before the town is a God-forsaken place but full of very nice people. We could get along without having this place filled until January.

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. Osler.

P. S. Of course the only advantage in your coming into the house for 9 mos. would be that you could learn the ways &c without any expense & at the end of the time could start practice under more favorable circumstances.

W. O.