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My dear Osler

About the time you received my note Mrs Howard was very ill and Sunday then I have lost her. After several months of great suffering borne with Christian resignation she passed away on the 29 last. Many things of various kinds have prevented my writing you sooner, and you

will I hope forgive the delay. You have by this time well settled down to your work in the Metropolis I doubt not and are picking up much that will be useful to you hereafter.

Touching your prospects as Oculist, you will have much more to contend with than we were thought of when we spoke together on the subject. In July or August last Mr Morgan, resident Surgeon at Moorfields, & formerly in charge of the Eye Wards at Netley wrote to me informing me that he proposed coming to

Dunkeld as an Oculist. We had known each other six years before at Moorfields during a short visit I made at that time. As his qualifications are high the Dean approved much of his intention & I wrote to him to that effect. He has not answered my letter but that may be because of my delay of nearly a fortnight in answering his. The delay was caused by the absence of Dr Campbell upon his annual fishing tour. However, Dr Trenholme who was in Dundee last Summer

saw N V Morgan & learned
that he had some intentions
of coming to Montreal. Of
course were to come, it would
seriously affect yr. hopes as to
making Eye Dis. a Specialty —
As between you & Dr. Buller
I may safely say, you would
have the countenance & sup
port of yr. old teachers — But
here "the plot thickens." It is
but two or three days ago, that
one of our graduates, whose
name I cannot recall — called
upon me to say that he had
come to settle as an Oculist.
He held some situation in
Boston for a year or two

when he says he studied
Eye surgery under Dr.
Williams — neither leading
oculists. and subsequently
proceeded to London &
returned for the same pur-
pose — The Dean had told
him of Dr Morgan's intention
to settle here & referred him
to me for information —
I gave him an encourage-
ment — but he gave me
to understand he intended
to try his chances remain-
of course, this was inter-
fere with Dr Butler &
even with yr self as the

field is a limited one —
You had better see Mr.
Morgan & ascertain if he
still intends to come here.
I cannot help thinking
that you had better continue
to cultivate the whole field
of Med. & Surg. — paying es-
pecial attention to practical
work in the physiological
laboratory — which in my
opinion, will soon become
of the most popular depart-
ments of medical teaching.
Slake it; such a course
will oblige you also to pay
some special attention to
practical chemistry — You

will certainly require to
become familiar with the
volumetric methods of
analysing the composition
of the urine — but on these
subjects, Bastian & Sanderson
will be your best guides —
This course will not I think
prevent you from working
at Moorfields & you may after
all be able to make your ac-
quaintance with ophthalmic
dis. profitable as a practitioner.
Should Mr. Morgan decide
not to come, you would in
that case have the influence
of us all to assist you
as an oculist — I met Dr.
Campbell today & he re-
quested me to present

an order from Dr Wright
upon Hock, the Medical
bookseller for your books —
which you will select yourself.
and have printed upon them
Graduation prize awarded
to William Osler etc.

Let me hear from you
when you have leisure
& what you are doing.
Excuse my delay in
this reply and with
my kind regards believe
me yours very truly

R H Conrad