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The Johns Hopkins University,  
Baltimore, Md.

President's Office.

July 6, 1911

Dear Osler:

You know that we are in negotiation with the Rockefeller people in regard to the Medical School. Our Faculty have given a good deal of attention to the matter and have reached a practically unanimous decision, and there it rests, though I think it highly probable that the Rockefeller people will act favorably. In order that you may know exactly what we have suggested I send you herewith a copy of the report prepared by Dr. Welch in consultation with others. It embodies the views now held by all of us, with possibly one exception. I cannot think that we are far from right. Certainly we have no object except to get nearer the right. I have heard that you do not look favorably upon the plan. I am sorry for this and I believe that if you had been able to discuss the problem with us you would have come out about where we have.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you upon your new honors. We who know you (best, shall I say?) know that you deserve any honors the world can bring you. It is unfortunate that this particular honor should carry with it a change in the form of address required, and I must confess that I do not quite know how to address you under the circumstances.

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If I err please remember that I am not to the manner born  
and forgive me for the sake of "auld lang syne".

With best greetings to Mrs. Osler and yourself from  
Mrs. Rensen and myself, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

*Ira Rensen.*

Sir William Osler, Bart.  
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Oxford, England.