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Sir William Osler,
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My dear Sir William:

Thanks for your kind note. I have not agreed to go on the basis at all as yet and think it highly improbable that it will be possible for me to do so. As the gift has come and been accepted I have supported it in newspaper interviews, at the same time preparing the way for my withdrawal from the headship. The plan as accepted does not seem to me to be a wise one. It is fairly well in accord with my article of eleven years ago but not in accord with the article of four years ago which includes the results of my experience in the clinic. I, too, favor research professorships in the clinic but the headship of the departments would, I think, be better in the hands of part-time men as a rule. The fallacy lies in expecting one man any longer to do all the work of a medical clinic, if research is to be introduced largely into the clinic.

It is barely possible that some arrangement can be made by which I will take the whole-time professorship. It seems to me more likely that I will take a part-time professorship. They have offered me the whole-time share. If I do not accept it, it will probably be offered to Thayer. I think it is possible that he may accept it and if he does so, we should get along very well I think. If neither he nor I can accept it, a third man will be brought in and then we may have difficulty.

The times are worrying but I think it probable that decisions will be easy for me as the circumstances will do the deciding. I shall keep you informed of any progress we make.

With love from all to all, I am,

Ever yours faithfully,

Sewellys F. Barker.

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