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S. S. "CEDRIC."

Dear Jacobs

You will be disgusted to hear that I have accepted the chair of medicine at Oxford — not to leave this until next May or June. Sanderson, the present occupant suggested the move about three months ago, and I looked over the ground during the meeting last week. 'Tis a purely academical position in which one can do as much or as little as one wishes. There are

only about 50 medical students but from exceptionally good sort.

Two things have influenced one first the feeling that I could not possibly last long at my present pace. I have had warnings that the pressure has been too high & it does not seem possible to lower it — at least, I tried hard last winter & failed.

Secondly, Oxford is a quiet restful place for a man of my habits, and tastes and there is much in the life there that appeals to me.

It will be a hard wrench to part with all my good

friends & you dear boys at the Hospital
Mrs Osler is strongly in favor of it, largely on
my account as she has been much worried
about the racket of my present life
I wish I could stop over at Newport to
see you both but I shall go directly through,
I hope on Saturday Eve. to Montreal, & Pointe
a pic.
Please do not scold me — I really feel it is
the best thing to do under the circumstances
with love & Mrs Jacobs

Sincerely yours

Wm Osler