

*From the Regius Professor of Medicine, Oxford.*

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Dear Barker,

Happy New Year to you all!

I do not see how you possibly could accept at the figure mentioned. It seems to me too that there is an ethical question involved in this, - how far the Trustees or the Faculty have the right to change conditions under which you accepted the professorship; conditions under which too you became involved in heavy expenditure. There are two sides to this whole-time business for clinical men. It will not be very pleasant either for the Faculty or the trustees to feel that their professors of medicine and surgery will play second fiddle in the town. I am afraid that it will have the disastrous effect of forcing these men into some sort of professional isolation as that to which the anatomists and physiologists have retired. *This* is very marked here.

Love to the family all.

Sincerely yours,

