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University Club
Fifth Avenue & 54th Street

Dear Barker

The faculty seems to be unanimous in favor of you as my successor. You may have heard something from Welch ere this, as I was not at the meeting and only heard last eve. of the action. Naturally I was pleased in a most

awkward position. Thayer
has done so much 1st
class work & as such a
good fellow that it seemed
cruel to pass him by.
But the general feeling
was not towards him
in the faculty or on the
Hospital board and while
I might have perhaps
forced it, had I felt
more strongly, everything
came round to a choice
between you & Dorell
I suppose the governors
will act shortly. The

important thing will be to make Thayer comfortable, and you can help us in this. He has behaved splendidly & we must do everything possible for him. This is only a preliminary note — there will be lots of things to confer about later & to Mrs B. & to Johnny H.

I am letting Plato's advice & sitting under a wall until the storm is over. Meanwhile you have only a few years left!

Yours W Osler