

I hope you are
all well. Hope too you
see the family occasionally. In the
evening you from Pune. - In the
last letter from Jose & the wife both
stated that Inas had been at Hospital
and University. In these slackness & lack of
enthusiasm - Good night. My best regards to the
little wife and yourself yours sincerely
H. Williams

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13:3:16.

Dear Sir Thomas,

Do get away by simply asking
is impossible. I could not put forward any reason other
than my own personal feelings. If I had had word that
an official intimation that the University or the Hospital
needed me - desired my return then I could go to the C.C.
with something definite. He would perhaps refer it to
Williams who might send it on & there the matter might
be dealt with. As it is without some real ground
no one can get out of the service. Until a few months
ago each member of the medical service - had the
best of chances of returning say after 12 months service -
In fact I know that many notices were sent out
intimating that those who wished to return should
send in their names &c. This was withdrawn and
I understand that notice was sent round stating
that no one of the A.M.C was to return until after
the war or for very special reasons - or for sickness &c
Inas foolish - you do not it freely - don't be angry -

I didn't sign on for 12 months only. Do you see how I'm
situated - but I haven't been idle. I have my daily
work. I'm digging away into the French language
and I have hopes of being transferred to work with A.E. Wright
who is in Flanders working at bacteriological problems
connected with wound infections - their prevention their cure -
I had written to Wright some time ago about a matter
and had told him what I was doing. He replied asking
me would I like to go to work with him - I had written
saying I would willingly go ^{at transfer} if it could be managed -
The matter ~~was~~ rests with Wright now - If he (I've pointed
this out to him) is inclined to write to Sir Alfred Keogh
the Director General of Medical Services, stating that he
~~desires~~ ^{desires} for my services - that I will be open to him to take
them I can't Sir Alfred would doubtless forward the matter
to Williams, whom I feel sure I agree - well I am
now waiting to see if Wright will do this - if not I just
hide on a bit longer - I'll cable home if I go to Flanders.
meantime I stay on. Things are better - because they are
flacker - the authorities can deal with them - but the
work I'm at is a ~~poor~~ sort of out patient job - but I'm
much more contented - and quite willing to go on for
some time to come - Mr Hughes has made a wonderful
hit here - Most laudatory notices of him appear in The Times
The Morning Post - Pau Mail Mercuriale & one paper
has a leading article on him headed ^{"The Man - Has he arrived?"} ~~"Has the man arrived?"~~