

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL MUSEUMS

Erected by the

Hamilton Medical Society

to commemorate the life of

SIR WILLIAM OSLER, Bart.

Student, Philosopher and Physician

whose early studies of Nature in this

vicinity laid the foundation of his career.

He said "The Master Word is WORK"

October, 1927.

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302 BEACON STREET

Boston, Mass. October 26, 16.

Sir Archibald E. Garrod-

My dear Sir Archibald-

Writing on behalf of the Boston Medical Library I wish to express our great appreciation of the action of the Committee of the Osler Memorial Fund in presenting a copy of the Osler medal to the Library, and more especially to thank you for your kind offices in helping to bring this about.

That the library should be one of the six institutions to whom the Committee has seen fit to present a copy of the medal naturally greatly enhances our pleasure in receiving the gift. Somehow, remembering the many kindness the Library has received from Osler I cannot but feel he would have approved of the action of your committee.

My delay in acknowledging it has been due to the fact that it came into my hands only yesterday on my return to town.

I am preparing a short article on the medal for our

local medical journal, a copy of which I shall  
send you in due time.

With regards,

very truly yours,

*Medelin. Storer*

Curator Storer Collection of Medical Medals,  
Boston Medical Library. :



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THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

November 30, 1926.

Dr. Herbert Warren, President,  
Magdalen College, Chairman.  
Archibald E. Garrod, Esq.,  
Acting Secretary of the Osler Memorial Committee.,  
85 Banbury Road, Oxford, England.

Gentlemen:

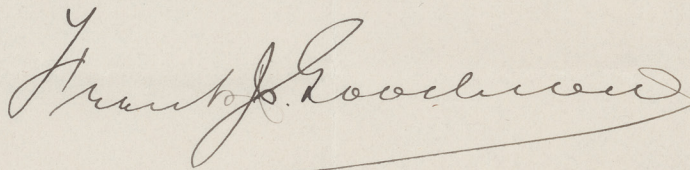
I have just received through the kindness of Dr.  
Henry Barton Jacobs the medal, referred to in your letter,  
of the late Sir William Osler.

On behalf of the Johns Hopkins University I wish  
to express to the Osler Memorial Committee through you  
our appreciation of your kindness in furnishing us with a  
copy of this medal.

Sir William's memory is still very beloved here in  
the University and in Baltimore, where his personality made  
a remarkably strong impression.

I am, with thanks,

Yours very truly,





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GEORGE T. HYDE, B.Sc., S.B.

14 PHILLIPS SQUARE  
MONTREAL

November 15, 1921.

Sir Arthur Currie,  
Principal, McGill University,  
Montreal.

re: Osler Memorial Library  
McGill University.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

I have to thank you for your note of the 14th, with regard to the proposed treatment of the above room.

To answer Lady Osler's questions in order:-

1. The proposal is to use oak. Very good walnut is now on the market at a reasonable price, as a result of the war. That would be my second choice. I do not think mahogany suitable.

2. I am not in favour of hanging a portrait of Sir William Osler in the room. I have never seen a good portrait of him. I would much prefer to see a bronze bust, of the type extending fairly far down the chest and including shoulders and upper arms. Tait McKenzie would seem to be the obvious man to be commissioned to handle this.

3. I felt there was some difficulty in making a suggestion with regard to the placing of the receptacle for the ashes. The pedestal supporting the bust suggests itself as a suitable place. If it is not desired to give prominence, a niche could be arranged in the back of the pedestal; then, only those concerned and interested will be aware of its presence.

With regard to the suggestions. Woodwork in this country cannot be left raw and dull, as is frequently done in the case of very



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high-class work in England; for climatic reasons it has to be filled and finished. That need not involve a high polish. My preference is for a dull, velvety finish, done with wax, hardly an egg-shell gloss. The panelling generally is very plain. No enriched mouldings are intended. Very little carving is shown, only at two points, and this might be omitted without detriment.

Considering the somewhat lopsided nature of the outlook from the windows, I do not think clear glass would be very appropriate. Very beautiful effects can, however, be obtained in leaded glass, obscure in character, without any patterning.

I quite agree that the furniture should be simple; not very much is required.

You will be interested to know that prices have fallen very appreciably since the last estimate I furnished in this connection. There are indications that the bottom of the market has been reached. A contract for the panelling and shelving could be very advantageously placed with the Broms-grove Guild at this time, even if the structural alterations to the room were not begun until next Summer.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

*L. J. P. N. H.*

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Letter signed  
Library Woodstock

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82 March 24



From  
F.C. Shattuck M.D.  
135 Marlborough St.  
Boston - Mass.



Dr. F.J. Shepherd  
152 Mansfield St.,  
Montreal  
Quebec.

135 MARLBOROUGH ST.

Boston

Oct. 13

Dear Shepherd,

Many thanks for the Old  
Memorial Number - I had already  
one present I sent but am much  
glad that you should think of me.

Thank you very good Congratulations  
and several others - and shall use  
all. What a wonderful personality,  
and life was in! The Wonder Child



7 Machine

Tobler send me 7 my copy of  
my son who is across the water,  
Gen. Sec. Centralized Bureau League  
of Red Cross Societies - a General

Yours sincerely  
H. Shattuck



ON SIR WILLIAM OSLER

Since our last meeting a great man has passed away; one of the most eminent of our physicians, to whom the profession all over the world owes much; one to whom this Society was indebted during the early years of its re-organization for much active assistance and for a great deal of inspiration - our most illustrious member, Sir William Osler, is dead. At the end of a long illness bravely borne, severe haemorrhage on the 30th of December followed an operation for empyema and, to use a phrase of his own, "he slipped away".

William Osler graduated in Medicine from McGill. He came to us from Toronto, where he had received an English and Classical education under able teachers. He was a remarkable student and developed a great interest in the revelations of his microscope, at that time an instrument owned by few in our profession. He did not pass remarkably high in his classes but passed well, and his thesis on Pathological Anatomy was deemed worthy of a special prize. After graduation he went first to England, and afterwards to the large medical centres on the Continent, and spent two more years in study and research, making many friends wherever he went. On his return to Montreal he was appointed to the Chair of the Institutes of Medicine in McGill and during the next ten years did much for our Society. If he was in town he was present at every meeting - no idle excuse kept him away; he took a prominent



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*Medical  
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part in every discussion. His pathological expositions of material obtained not only from the postmortem room of the General Hospital, but also often from long distances in the country were always interesting and instructive, and many of the discussions in which he took part were reported in the American Medical Journals.

It was in 1882 that he demonstrated before this Society a case of Ulcerative Endocarditis in which he had found the characteristic micrococci in the vegetation on the valves, one of the earliest demonstrations of this infection to be made before any Society. A series of these cases three years later formed the basis of his Gulstonian Lectures.

McGill, unfortunately, was unable to keep Osler in Montreal. In 1884 he was called to the Chair of Clinical Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania, and in 1889 he was selected by the Governors of the New Johns Hopkins Hospital as the most promising man in the English speaking world to place at the head of their Department of Medicine. His influence is acknowledged by all to have been most potent in placing that school at the head of all other American Medical Institutions.

Osler in Philadelphia, in Baltimore and in Oxford never forgot Montreal, his Alma Mater, and his many Canadian friends. Those who met him during his years of active service in the Johns Hopkins Hospital will remember his kindly welcome and the unwearying way in which he placed the opportunities that that institution afforded at their service. No one left his wards



without feeling the better for the stimulating influence which was exerted on all around him.

During the Great War Sir William Osler accorded the most generous hospitality to all his Canadian and American confreres who went overseas. He proved a friend and counsellor to all at all times. He never spared himself when a sick or wounded Canadian sought his advice.

We are informed that the greater part of his magnificent library, including many rare books, with an endowment sufficient to secure their careful preservation is to be left to the Medical Faculty of McGill - a perpetual Memorial of the character of this great man.

Permit me, therefore, to propose the following resolution this evening:-

The members of the Montreal Medico Chirurgical Society desire to place on record their sense of deep personal loss in the death of their honorary life member, Sir William Osler, Baronet.

They call to remembrance the active part taken by him in the re-organization of the Society after his return to Montreal in 1874. During the following ten years he was a regular attendant at all its meetings. His pathological demonstrations were remarkable for their lucidity, and for their exposition of the most advanced research work of the day. He himself frequently presented papers, the result of much original work, and his remarks were always characterized



by an appreciation of true worth which formed a stimulating inspiration to all, and added much strength to our Society. The members recall with some pride the fact that almost all the specimens referred to in his Gulstonian Lectures in 1885 on Ulcerative Endocarditis, and that a large number of the cases which illustrate his well-known "Practice of Medicine" were first demonstrated and discussed at the meetings of our Society. Many of the specimens most carefully dissected by him are at present in the McGill Medical Building.

In his later spheres of activity, at first in Philadelphia, afterwards as the master mind in the Medical Wards at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore and finally in the less strenuous life of his retreat to the classical shades of Oxford, he never forgot this Society or his Alma Mater.

The Montreal Medical Chirurgical Society, therefore, desires this night to do honour to the memory of an associate who was not only a great physician, but an enthusiastic investigator, a successful and inspiring teacher, a vigorous and entertaining writer, a man beloved by all with whom he came in contact.



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*The President  
Board of Management and Medical Board of  
The Montreal General Hospital  
request the pleasure of your presence  
at the unveiling of tablets erected to the  
memory of three distinguished medical men  
formerly connected with this Hospital, namely  
Sir William Osler, Bart., M.D., LL.D., F.R.S.  
Wyatt Galt Johnston, M.D.  
John McCrae, D.S.O., M.B.*

*The ceremony will take place at the Hospital  
on May 27th at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon*

*R. I. V. P. to  
Secretary of Hospital*