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In his introductory lectures at the opening of the McGill school in the fall of 1873, Palmer Howard referred to W.C. as follows, (in the course of his address: C.M. & S.J.

he speaks as follows

Jan. 1873

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In connection with this new subject of scientific interest the older students present, as well as my colleagues, will be pleased to hear that Dr. Osler, who graduated here in 1872, has just made a discovery of great interest, and that promises well for the future of our young countryman.

He has discovered in his own blood, while in health, large and small masses composed of minute corpuscles agglutinated together. These had been met with by others, but Dr. Osler has discovered what had not hitherto been known, the actual development of bacteria from these masses when a drop of blood is mixed with a weak solution (3/4 per cent.) of common salt and maintained at the temperature of the body.

I wish that some friend of this University would endow a Chair of Physiological and Pathological Histology, and that our young friend might be invited to accept the appointment and devote himself solely to the cultivation of his favorite subject, and at the same time bring honor to himself and to Canada. *xxx*

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Before leaving London he apparently prepared a letter to one of the ^{medical} Canadian Journals a rough draft of which is preserved and may deserve inclusion here.

*I copy the next of you can make it out.
"On the fungus of the late Mrs. Mearns"*