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(To Dr. F. J. Shepherd)

No. 20 Radegoude St. (Montreal)  
May 28th (1875?)

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My dear Shepherd

Your letter came to hand yesterday. I can very well understand your hesitation in accepting the Demonstratorship for I have felt the same thing myself. You will get over that, and should too, for remember what advantages you have had and are having. You will come to your work better prepared than any Demonstrator McGill has had for many a year. When had Roddick dissected last on his accepting it? probably in his third year. I wish I was with you in Wien just now. Everybody says it is so enjoyable there in the spring months. I suppose you will bring a Hartnack Microscope out with you when you come: it will be useful. Do you return by way of Paris? if so I wish you would call at his place No. 1 Rue Bonaparte and see in what condition the Microscopes I have ordered are in. I ordered 12 & want them out before the session begins so that you may perhaps hurry him up a little. I want you to get me the Photos of the following men - that place in the Graben is the best Hyrtl, Hebra, Bamberger, Skoda Oppolzer - (dead but Photo extant) Jäger, Billroth, Stricker, Rokitsansky - who is his successor, by the way, is it Recklinghausen if so one of his also - one in any case, no matter who - Carl Braun, Brücke(2). Also a set of those cheap photos of the City (Cartes). Could you also get a Strickers simple warm stage. They are made by Kuntz, I believe, but Schenck could tell you about them. They are about 6-8 guelden. I want badly some back numbers of the Arch. f. Dermatol. u. Arch. für Heilk. but it will pay me better to go to Boston and consult them than buy the whole set. I have a number of cases of purpura in small-pox & am preparing a paper on the subject. Take a note of anything you may hear or see upon the subject. I may want a work or two, but if so will write you by next mail. I shall deposit some cash to your credit at your brothers office. We are getting a little nice weather at last, but things are very backward as yet. Browne is doing very well in his large house. Practice is dull with me - never has been brisk. O.C.E. is in much the same state, but unfortunately, has not a College and Hospital to butter his bread. I am sure your people have been very kind indeed to me. I was at Como on the 24th with your brother & spent a very pleasant day.

Let me know when you are to be in London.

Yours very sincerely

W<sup>m</sup> Osler

*Shepherd was in Vienna & had recd the appointment as Demonstrator in the Spring of '75*

*The paper on Erythema multiforme was published in 1877 and that all recd about then. It came about the time*

*The Three Day Eruption*