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(in view of his constant attendance at meetings throughout his professional life)

It scarcely needs to be pointed out that Oskar regarded this ~~as~~ ^{throughout} his professional life as one of his obligations, an obligation moreover which he made a pleasure. Even in later years when he could not for himself be wanted some of his assistants

and pay their way so that his department or school would be represented in the program at least of the more important meetings ~~not only and usually by places at the program.~~ Hence his name appears

was regularly on the name of those present at the student societies, at the various fortnightly meetings of the Med. Ch. Society, at the Oxford History Society, among Dominion Societies, at the annual gatherings of the profession of the assembly, even monthly, at the ^{Provincial} ~~Provincial~~ meetings, the National and the International, which came ~~less than~~ ^{every} four years or so. He was popular everywhere and

had a gift of success being some and associations which ~~on this~~ ~~has been described as being~~ ~~were~~ ~~was~~ ~~fundamentally~~ ~~in~~ ~~coming~~, (see Murdoch's story)

~~One~~ ^{One} of the most successful of the great international congresses ~~was~~ ~~held~~ ~~at~~ ~~London~~ ~~during~~ ~~the~~ ~~summer~~ ~~of~~ ~~1881~~ ~~in~~ ~~London~~ ~~under~~ ~~the~~ ~~presidency~~ ~~of~~ ~~Dr~~ ~~James~~ ~~Paget~~.

~~At~~ ~~the~~ ~~meeting~~ Oskar and P. B. Howard went to the meeting together and sailed on the Allan line's "Parisian" for Liverpool sometime in June. (over)

Generators from Oskar account of this occasion in a letter to Ross maybe later.

London August 10 1881

With extracts of the London Medical & Surgical Journal.

He goes on to describe the workings of this great assembly, his own time having been spent chiefly in the ~~pathological~~ ^{sections dealing with} pathological, physiological and medical section. Physiological section where "an animated discussion on cerebral localization took place in which Galz of Strasburg, Brown-Sequard, Ferrier and others participated; in the pathological section where ^{he mentions chiefly the} ~~was~~ discussion on tubercle (Koch's discovery of the tubercle bacillus was not till the next year) or germs, or cachectic renal disease; in the medical section in which the anatomical papers by ~~Stokes~~ Hughlings-Jackson, Brown-Sequard, Buzzard, Erb and chiefly interested him. It was at the congress to this Oskar ~~was~~ ^{is} presented ~~the~~ ~~case~~ of myxoedema, and Johnathan Hutchinson's demonstration ~~was~~ ^{was} enthusiastically commented upon.

In the meeting on March 28th, 1881, Principal Dawson in the Chair,
it was agreed to recommend that the President, Dr. Hunt, Mr. Selwyn,
and Dr. Osler, be requested to attend the Cincinnati Meeting of the
A.A.S.
Association, and to act as a delegation to promote the acceptance of
the invitation to meet in Montreal the last week of August, 1882.

At the last meeting of the Med. Chi. Socy before they adjourned June 10th 1881
a paper was read by Dr. Robinson on "Perityphlitis" describing a case
in which an abscess by the side had shown an abscess at the head of the
caecum. In the discussion "Dr. Osler referred to the fact that no part
of the body varied so much as the appendix vermiformis. It coils
in various directions, and owing to its changed situations may
get inflamed." ~~Included the caecum itself changes, as it does
over again, where it was first~~

His wisdom was very near to an understanding of appendicular
disease. This was ~~not~~ five years before Fitz gave his
classical paper on perforating appendicitis.

June 1st 1881

(From a letter to the Editor of the Canada
Med. & Surg. J. 1880-81, ix, 662.)

A characteristic letter to Ross on the occasion of W. O.'s attending
the Ontario Medical Assoc. Meeting in Toronto, June 1 and 2, 1881.

"Many of the men who should set a good example in this
respect persistently ignore both local and general societies.
Where are many of the teachers at our medical schools on the
occasion of these meetings? Too often conspicuous by their
absence. Not a school in the country is free from these
professional drones, who ought to be thoroughly ashamed of
themselves. The ears of many of them must tingle, if there
is any truth in the old adage. When men in their position
systematically neglect such plain duties, how can fault be
found with the overworked country practitioners, who have
to make much greater sacrifices in order to attend the
meetings."