

We must have been engaged at this time in the effort to raise funds, or  
this letter is enclosed -

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

15 Cavendish Square, W.

9th January, 1912.

To W.O.

Dear Osler,

I have not heard from Tones, nor has the Philadelphian  
Croesus yet disgorged, except what he may have parted with on his  
passage across the Atlantic! However, when he recovers we may yet  
hear from him.

I enclose herewith short list of our deceased Fellows and  
their representatives, so far as we have been able to discover them,  
so that you may pick out from them those you think you can best attack,  
and, as you suggest, the remainder I will submit to Morris and Church.

I shall be delighted to see you on Friday, at 4.30 p.m.

You will be glad to hear that, acting on your suggestion, I  
wrote to Mrs. Robert Barnes, and although she has promised nothing yet,  
she says she will consider the matter, and will come and see me very  
shortly!

Yours very truly,

J. Y. W. MACALISTER.

I am also enclosing some "Times" reprints which may be useful.

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William Church as President, and Dr. Arthur Latham and Mr. Herbert  
S. Pennington as Honorary Secretaries, rapidly exceeded the most  
optimistic expectations, so much so that its large house in Hanover  
Square (only acquired in 1882) was found to be too small for the growth  
of the Society's work and for its library; and the Council felt com-  
pelled to acquire a site in Wigmore Street, and thence to erect a new  
and larger building.

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most careful and elaborate plans were prepared to provide for the many  
and various needs of the Society, and the new building (with a handsome  
classical elevation, designed by Mr. John Belcher, R.A., and R. J. B.  
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Abstract account of the Royal Society of Med. and of its work.

The Socy formed at a meeting of Phys. & Surgeons at Trevelyan's Tavern  
in W. 15<sup>th</sup> May 1857 under name of

The Med. and Chir. Soc. of Lond.

It was reformed in 1834 under Royal Charter from W. 15<sup>th</sup> to become

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Medical Socy of Lond. However, when the passage across the Atlantic was first made, the first ship to cross was the "Great Western" which sailed from London in 1815.

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In 1905 the Secretary, Mr. MacAlister, elaborated a scheme for the amalgamation of all the medical societies of London, and submitted it to Sir Richard Douglas Powell, then President of the Society. Sir Richard at once took the matter up, and, after conference with the leading members of the profession, it was discussed and approved in principle, by a large representative meeting at the Royal College of Physicians under the chairmanship of Sir William Church, President of the College. A Committee was appointed to settle the details, with the result that at the end of 1906 the Society petitioned the Crown to grant a Supplemental Charter, which would empower it to admit to its Fellowship the members of the younger medical societies that had been established for the carrying on of special studies. The petition was granted, the new Charter conferring upon the Society largely increased powers, both as to the holding of property and in other ways; in particular empowering it to create Sections for the special studies.

In making this change, the Supplemental Charter once more changed the name of the Society, and it became  
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