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Grove Thisay

Jan. 14.6. Can. camp. Wk of Sun. Jan. 31. A cold all week, began in larynx and worked up, no fever. Wk of Sun. <u>Mar</u> 28. Torquay, at Ed. Hotel and Amer. Hosp. Tu. <u>Ap</u>. 27. Cons. Sir Ed. Grey

x Foreign Minister seen with Mr. Hosford at the Prime Minister's suggestion. Bilateral pigmentary retinitis about the macula with contraction of visual fields. Bad outlook.

Th. Ap. 29. Harrogate. × Fr. 30. Leeds. Sun. May 2. Cheltenham. Policie Mon. 3. Worthing. . . . . . " 4-8. London.\*

> x One of the busiest ten days I ever had. Harrogate on the 29th interesting case of chronic jaundice. Leeds, Friday, saw Teale and the hospital; back in the evening. On Sat. General Jones of the Canadian contingent spent the day here and went over the local hospitals. Adami was with us. Sunday, Cheltenham to see a case of hematuria . In eve went to London so as to be able to leave early Monday for Woking to see young Wilkes with septic pneumonia following a fracture. While there a telegram to see Mrs. Burns in London. Saw her in p.m. where up again Tues. a m., and in p.m. went to Clevedon to see medical cases at Canadian hospital. Wed. London again. Thurs. London. Friday London, and in p.m. Chatham where lectures to 1500 soldiers. Dinner in eve by medical officers of the garrison. Sat. a.m. saw the Fort Pitt Hospital; made rounds with the young doctors. P.m. went to Bromley to inspect new Canadian convalescent hospitals. I travelled in 1260 miles which reminded me of old American W.O. days.

Mon. May 10. Clevedon. Tu. 11. Gosport. Jose mus. Rolledon at the Hassler Hay. When. Rows in common Wed. 12. Folkestone. Th. 13. London. Sun. May 23-4. Clevedon. Fr. 28.

x Completed to-day ten years in Oxford. Extraordinarily happy years. Everyone is kind and considerate as could be wished.

Grace has been happy and the boy has thriven. Yesterday he went off to join the Canadian unit from Montreal with Colonel Birket It is a curious thing that with so much more leisure the literary output has been much less than in the previous decade. With less practice I have saved as much in ten years, more in fact, than in 30 years of previous practice. I left America with \$3,600 from

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investments which I have increased to \$10,000. I have got a good deal of education, I have made a great collection of books for my old school at McGill. I have not done much in the profession here, but I have done 3 useful things, or better, helped to. (1) The Assoc. of Brit. Phy. (2) The Quarterly Journal of Medicine. (3) The Historical Section of the Roy. Soc. Med. The profession has treated me very well; locally I have been most fortunate in my relations, and from the profession at large I have had the kindest treatment. Altogether it has been a most successful experiment. I have kept very well. I have not had many such substernal threatenings that I used to have in Baltimore. I had one attack of renal colic - the second in 12 years. It has been a great comfort not to have had a life of such strain . The one thing I miss is the active teaching and the close association with students and a large group of young doctors, but I console myself with the 31 years of strenuous work I had in Canada and in the United States.

Sun. May 30-1. Clevedon.
 " June 13. Perrins (Perkins?) Library.
Wk of Sun. Aug. 8 - 14. Cardiff with Paignton.
Sun , Aug. 22. Burley-on-the-Hill.
Fr. Sep. 3. Paignton.
Wed. 8 - Sat. 18. Spent week with Camiers at McGill Hosp. France.
Th. Sep. 30. Leeds and Newcastle.
Th. Nov. 11.\*

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x Narrow escape of the library. Lady O. awakened 3.30 a.m. with smell of smoke in the house, went downstairs and found the dining-room on fire; deuce of a time, 25 minutes before the fire brigade arrived. Meanwhile we got many of the more important books into the drawing-room annex. Unfortunately the Incunabula and MSS were in the room above the dining-room which was full of smoke and very hot. Revere and I went in with wet towels over our mouths and got out three or four shelves and then had to stop. Fortunately the firemen got it under control easily,, but it was a narrow escape. The MS of Paul Sarpi and the two belonging to Grimani (Grimain?) were in the diningroom and got badly scorched.