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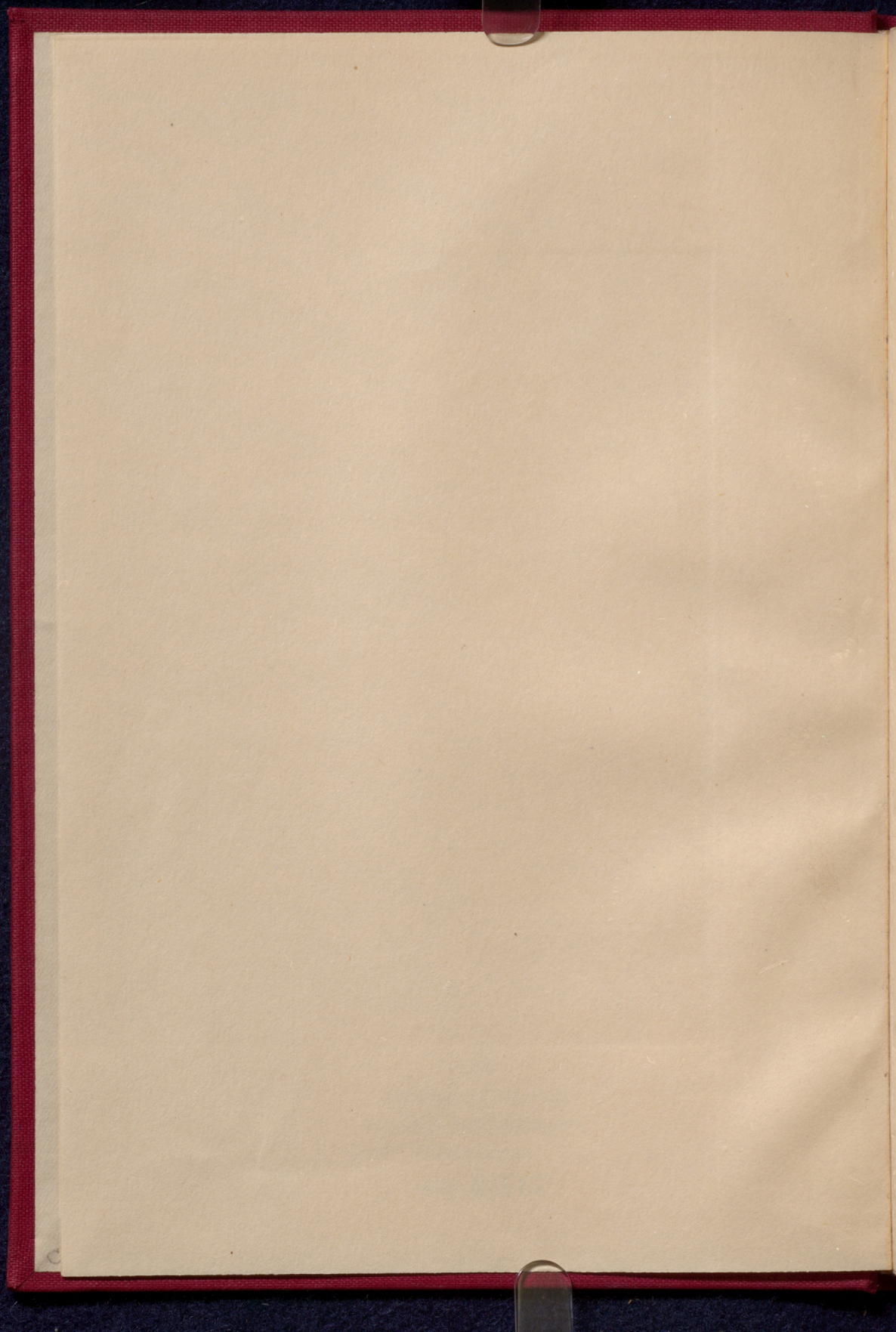
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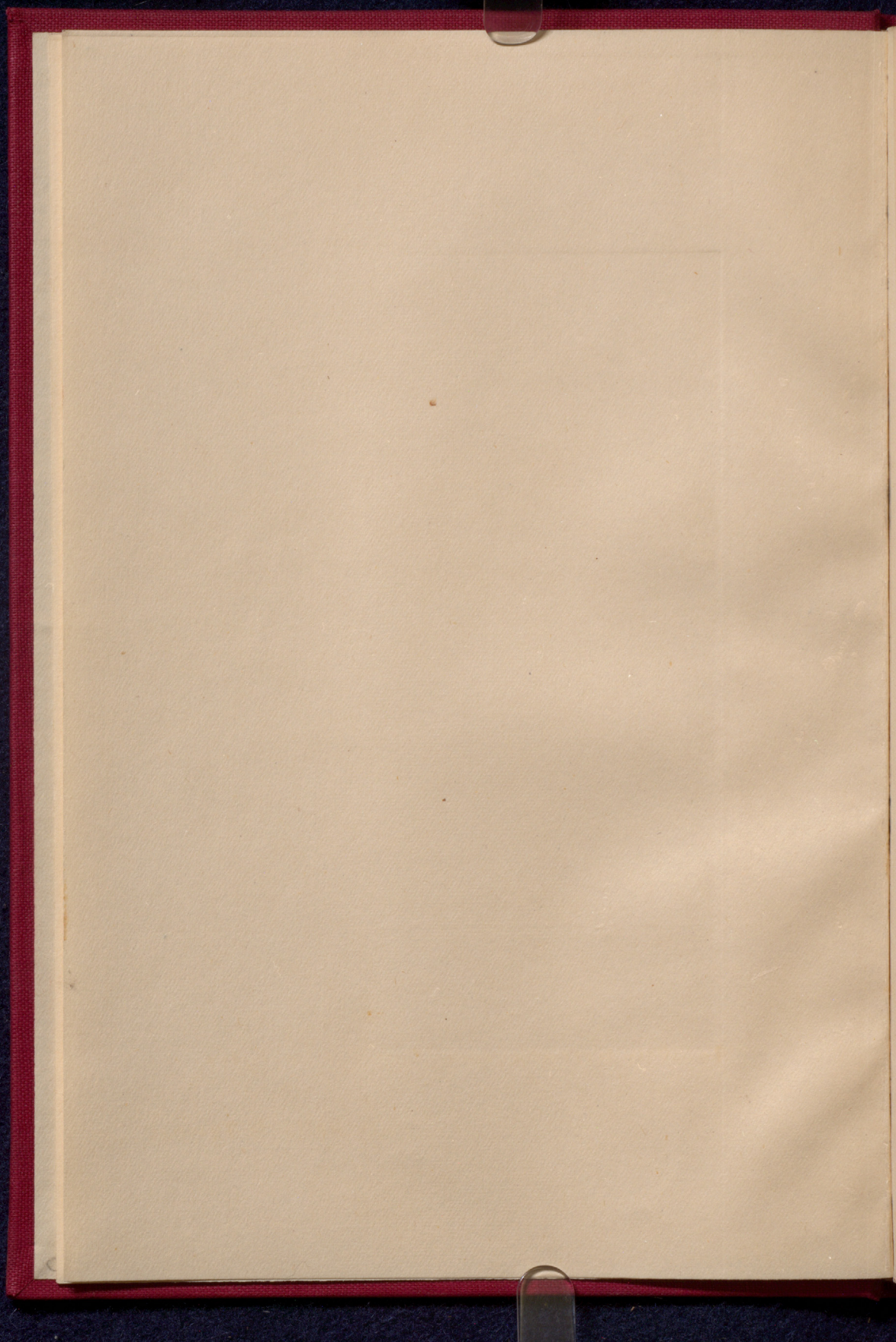
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TESTIMONIALS

from

1. DR. CHARLTON BASTIAN, Professor of Pathological Anatomy, University College, London.
2. SIR ANDREW CLARK, M.D., LL.D., Physician to the London Hospital and President of the Clinical Society.
3. PROFESSOR R. H. FITZ, Shattuck Professor of Pathological Anatomy, Harvard University.
4. PROFESSOR W. S. GREENFIELD, Professor of Pathology, University of Edinburgh.
5. DR. W. R. GOWERS, F.R.C.P., F.R.S., Consulting Physician to University College Hospital.
6. DR. R. P. HOWARD, Professor of Medicine and Dean of the Medical Faculty, Montreal.
7. DR. J. BURDON SANDERSON, Regius Professor of Medicine, University of Oxford.
8. DR. E. C. SEGUIN, Professor of Diseases of the Nervous System, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York.
9. DR. D. HACK TUKE, Editor of the Journal of Mental Science, London.
- 9a. *Weir MITCHELL: covering letter to Tyson.*
10. Note from the Canadian Medical and Surgical Journal regarding Osler's election as F.R.C.P. London. (*I.M. HAYS to Tyson.*)

16, CAVENDISH SQUARE. W.

9 July 1884

20, QUEEN ANNE STREET.

W.

July 10, 1884

Dear Dr. Allen,

I am glad to learn
there is some good chance
of your obtaining the
Professorship of Clinical
Medicine at Philadelphia.

The careful and thorough
Scientific training you originally
received, your skill as a
teacher, your experience as
a Physician and as a Pathologist
in Montreal, as well as the

20. Queen Anne Street.
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Many valuable contributions
you have made towards
the advancement of Scientific
Medicine - all mark you
out as one admirably
adapted for such a post.

Hoping I may soon
learn that - you have been
appointed to this important
~~post~~ Chair.

Believe me

Very truly Yours
H. Charlton Bastian

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9 July 1884

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16, CAVENDISH SQUARE. W.

9 July 1884

I have read many of the
most important contribu-
tions which Dr. Osler has
made to Pathological An-
atomy, Pathology, & Clini-
cal Medicine, I have seen
him at work in Montreal
I have heard him teach &
I have the privilege of being
personally known to him.

In these & various other
ways I have become fa-
miliar with Dr. Osler &
his work and feel just

entitled to say — I am
as dark as to his personal
to students.

Some of us were inclined

freed in expressing an
opinion thereon. —

Charles B. A.
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a most industrious stu-
dent, an accurate observer
familiar in the record of
his work, gifted with the
faculty of lucid exposition
familiar with the methods
and penetrated by the higher
spirit of modern research
a successful investigator
and gifted with the power
of associating pathological
changes with clinical phe-

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monera & therapeutics took
I regard Dr Osler as among
the most prominent and
promising of our foreign
physicians and in every way
admirably qualified for the
Chair of Clinical Medicine in
the University of Pennsylvania

Mr. C. W. M. D.D.

Physician to the London Hospital
& President of the Clinical Society

addition — I am
in dark as to his personal
time to students.

Some of us were inclined

Sir Andrew Clark.
London

From Sir Andrew
Clark. Bank.

Presented to Dr. Tyson ultimately

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18, Arlington Street.

Dear Dr. Tyson —

Unfortunately I am in
very much the same
position as yourself with
reference to his merits as
a teacher — With the highest
opinion of his qualifications
and the knowledge that he
is regarded as one of the
strongest men in the school —
and the information that he
occupies a conspicuous position
among the younger men as
a practitioner. — I am
in the dark as to his personal
relation to students.

Some of us were ridiculed

to advocate his merits in
connection with our own
vacancy in clinical medicine
consequent upon Dr. Ellis's
death.

I should have no hesitation
in recommending him as
probably justified - The
element of uncertainty must
exist - and your School
should have a man prominent
in your own city, if possible.

I had supposed you
might be asked to transfer
your teaching to the clinical
side - if so - Oster is
likely to do first rate work
in your department -

It is my impression that
he would prefer the

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Scientific professorship -
provided a sufficient salary
were paid - and give up
all his time to the teaching
rather than teach clinically
at a small salary and give
most of his time to practice.

This view is not based
upon any personal statement
from him - but is derived
from talk with his friends -

Montreal expects to lose him
soon or later -

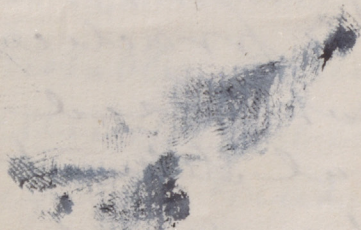
He made an admirable
presentation of a subject to the
Association for the advance-
ment of Science -

He was admirable in
his speeches at the dinner lately
given at the M'Gill celebration -
there are all the facts I can offer -

Yours sincerely R. H. Fitz -
30 June - 1884

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Dr. Osler's name is so
well known in connection with
Pathology & Clinical Medicine
that any testimony to his
merits from me seems needless.

I may, however, express a
conviction, derived from long
personal acquaintance, from
an intimate knowledge of his
communications to medical
science, and from the
position which he holds
in relation to medical

is a prospect of magnificent
gain in the autumn

sincerely yours

W. Gowers

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Prof Fz
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teaching in Montreal, that he is
highly qualified to occupy the
Chair of Clinical Medicine in
the University of Pennsylvania.

The character of the work
which he has already done, &
the high esteem in which
he is held by past & present
students, promise results of
the greatest value if he
should succeed in his appli-
cation.

W. S. Greenfield

July 9. 1882.

is a prospect of my early return
you in the autumn
sincerely yours
W. L. Gowers

Study

Prof. Greenfield

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50, QUEEN ANNE STREET,
CAVENDISH SQUARE. W.

14 July 1884

is, perhaps, no English physician
the same standing who has achieved
wider, or higher reputation than
Professor Osler of Montreal. His

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50, QUEEN ANNE STREET,
CAVENDISH SQUARE. W.

Aug. 14 1884

Dear Dr. Weir Mitchell

Osler has asked me
to send you the enclosed
I am very glad to hear
for your sake and his
own, that there is a
prospect that he may
become your colleague

I am also very
glad to hear that there
is a prospect of my seeing
you in the autumn

Sincerely yours

W. B. Flower

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14 July 1884

There is, perhaps, no English physician
of the same standing who has achieved
a wider or higher reputation than
Professor Osler of Montreal. His
work at scientific & practical
medicine is of the highest character
exhibiting a rare combination of
the power of exact observation,
of estimating the value of ^{evidence} evidence,
and of critical judgment. As he
is a clear thinker, so he is also
a lucid and forcible teacher. The
fact that he has worked assid-
uously not only at clinical
medicine, but also at pathology,
fits him in a peculiar way
for the teaching of the former,
since a basis of exact pathology
is absolutely essential for the
highest and best clinical teaching.
A striking proof of the esteem
in which he is held is afforded
by the fact that he was elected

You know, pursued his study,

20. QUEEN ANNE STREET.
CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.

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You know, pursued his study,

a Fellow of the College of Physicians
of London, almost as soon as he
became eligible, an honour which,
in the case of a physician
residing out of England, is probably
unique. As regards ~~to~~ Oslers
personal character, I know
him well, and know none
whom I should regard as a
more appreciable colleague, or in
every respect, a more desirable
acquisition to an important
medical school

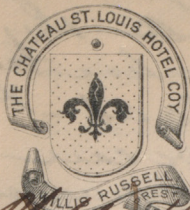
H. R. Gowers

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if I recognize you as a respectable
school - Now as to the other part of
it - I don't know how to speak my
own sentiments & those of the entire fac.
The thought of losing you stuns us - &
we feel anxious to do all that we can
as sensible men to keep you amongst
us - not only as act. of your abilities, as
a teacher - your industry & enthusiasm
as a worker - ~~for~~ your personal
qualities as a gentleman a colleague
a friend - ~~but~~ not all in account
of the work you have already done in
for the school - but also because of
the capabilities we recognize in you
for future useful work both in
original investigation which shall add
reputation to McGill, & in systematic
teaching of the branches of medical
science. You may care to cultivate
- and finally because we have for years
felt that vitalizing influence upon
the individual exercises of personal con-
tact with you - ~~which~~ analogous to
that produced by a potent ferment.

At the same time we know nothing
of the inducements that may have been
held out for other quarters, but have
no assurance for that the above Expresses
the spirit of your intentions. Many
cases must finally decide to go else
when before you ^{have} either seen or
communicated with us.

Very yours truly
R. H. Brown

You know, pursued his study,



THE
Saint Louis Hotel.

Quebec.

1888

~~Philadelphia~~ Mr. Esq. inquiring seriously about
the Prof. alluded to -
The result of that meeting I avail of the
first opportunity to communicate to you.
In the first place the Faculty is not
willing at once to relieve you of the
Professorship of Physiology & Anatomy and
appointing to that Chair of a Professor.
I think it wiser to allow some person
- probably Dr. Hille - to lecture in the
evening session on that subject for you
with the view of finding out what adaptation
to fitness for the work of teachers. Altho
they do not question his ability they have
some fears of his personal fitness in other
respects. Under this feeling which the
Board the following resolution was passed
unanimous at a last meeting of the
Fac. (Cecil Smith's being absent -
the former had to leave before the reso-
lution was moved, the latter having been
absent throughout.)
That Dr. Russell seconded by Dr. Hille
- That the Faculty authorize Dr. Deane
to communicate to Prof. Osler as follows.
That this Faculty undertake to make
arrangements for the Chair Establishment
of a Chair of Pathology & Comparative Path-
ology at an early date as possible.
That the sum of sixteen hundred
dollars be thereby voted to Dr. Osler for
this year

on these subjects and

50, BANBURY ROAD,

OXFORD.

from what I know otherwise

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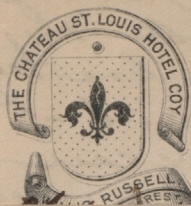
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Aug 2/84

My dear Sir,

My friend Dr Osler
has asked me to write
to you with reference to his
fitness to undertake the
duties of Professor of Clinical
Medicine in the University
of Pennsylvania.

Dr Osler, as I have said
you know, pursued his study



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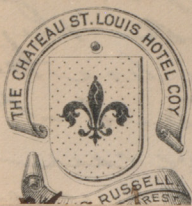
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of physiology for some
time in his Physiol. Labo-
ratory of University Col. h
lege London, where I was
then Professor. He devoted
himself specially to the
histological side of his
subject with which he
acquired a very thorough
acquaintance, but did not
neglect other parts.

on these subjects and
50, BANBURY ROAD,
OXFORD.
from what I know otherwise

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Newspaper communications
to the Royal Society when
he was in London, he dis-
cussed & studied further
first time more peculiar
structures in the blood to
which Bizzozza has
more recently called
"Blut plättchen" & written
about at great length
without sufficiently

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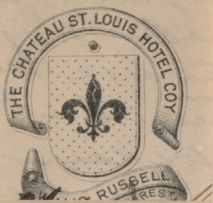
recognizing his previous
& perfectly accurate
investigations of D'Oliver.

Since D'Oliver's
settlement in Montreal
he has followed out his
physiological studies
in his directions of ana-
tomical & clinical pa-
thology. From his papers

50, BANBURY ROAD,
OXFORD.

on these subjects and
from what I know otherwise
of his occupation, but
the last few years as a
clinician. I have no doubt
that he is very well qua-
lified to undertake the
duties of a clinical
teacher. I believe him

ous of disease, and



love thoroughly acquain-
 ted with his present
 position of pathology
 & likely to advance
 it by his own work.

I also think that if he
 were appointed Professor
 he has in a great University
 where he would exercise a
 influence

tonic & clinical pa-
 thology. From his papers

^{Good}
~~powerful~~ influence
 in promoting earnest
 study among his pupils.

I had hoped until
 a short time ago to
 have the pleasure of
 meeting you either at
 Montreal or at Phila-
 delphia this autumn.

pus of disease, and

I am prevented by
an illness, from which
although I am conva-
lescent, I am not suffi-
ciently so to undertake
the journey.

I am, my dear Sir,
Yours faithfully
A. Gordon Sanders

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thology. From his papers

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My Sequin
N.Y.

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ous of disease, and

Dr. E. C. SEGUIN

Receives Patients from

9 A.M. to 12 M. Daily, except Sunday

24 West 50th Street

New York July 27 1884

My dear Mr. Brown

It is with sincere pleasure that I learn that Dr. William Osler of Montreal is a candidate for the Chair of Clinical Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania. If he is successful it will probably mean a loss to the University of Pennsylvania of a man of great opportunity.

and opportunity

than know or do several years
and are familiar with his contributions
to medical science both chemical and patho-
logical. From this and from my knowledge
of his ability and enthusiasm in research
I feel sure that he would fill the
position admirably, and ultimately reflect
great credit upon the University.

Believe me most truly yr

E. C. Ogden

Prof James Tyron M.D.

was of disease, and

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From Oliver Mitchell

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(9a)

Paris, 17th

1884

Dear James.

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Sydney Lodge

Hamwell

Ludlow.

Professor Osler has
been known to me
for many years, and
I have great pleasure
in bearing testimony
to his admirable scientific
and medical qualifica-
tions; his powers of ob-
servation, his acute
perception of the sym-
ptoms of disease, and

his profound knowledge
of pathology.

To these qualifications
he adds the power to com-
municate instruction to students
whether at the bedside
or in the lecture room
which is essential
to the teacher of medi-
cine.

His manners make
him popular among

From Oliver Mitchell

22

(92)

Paris, 17th

1854

Dear James.

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medical students, and
his moral character
is of the highest.

I cordially recommend
him as suited in all
ways for the post
to which it is proposed
to appoint him in
Philadelphia.

D. Hack Tuke M.D.
Editor of the Journal
of Mental Science

Take

Kanda

From Oliver Mitchell 22

(9a)

Paris, 17h

1854

Dear James.

I send more letters
about Asler & have
asked him to write
to you, to Lyson & to
Pepper. He was to write
me after hearing from
Howard & as he has
not done so I wrote him
today about it - but the
restimonials still coming
must mean that he
Asler has decided.
Pepper has written me
at length & thinks that
Brewer has great strength
in the board. I put him
in my Aug. Journal.

1883. p. 767.

may be of use, so I send it to you
Yrs truly
O. M.

like
Kauka

him last for fitness
I am in no doubt
that Osker is all ways
the best man. He
has every social need
his age is 35. He has
won distinction as
an investigator and
writer. I will therefore
add to our illustra-
tions - I as to compe-
tence as a teacher
of any one can be
believed he must
be a really unusual
instructor. I wish
you would write to

Howard about him.
I would vote for Osler
with far less doubt
in my mind than
one usually has with
less than I should
have as to any other
candidate. -

Quiberas would be my
second choice and
Starr my third -
If possible I think that
the Provost & individ-
ual trustees & I would
say the faculty
ought to see the
bestimonials of Osler -
so much of my letters
& his. Aug. Journal,

1883. p. 767.

may be of use, so I send it to you
as truly
M. W.

as concern him &
as ~~say~~ you might
think well to have
copied, But these are
purely suggestions. If
you think well of it Syson
would put together all
there is in Asler's favor
& see that all concerned
saw it. I see that unless
we are pretty active
we shall be paddled
with Bremen. My girl
is mending & has a normal
temp. To day - Pray pardon
my numerous letters

Wes -

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PHILADELPHIA, Aug 5th 1884

Dear Zane

I find Osler has elected a
F.R.C.P. Lond. May 17. 1883.

"This is the highest honor the profession
can bestow. It always means the
appreciation by the very best judges
of good scientific work well done.
The Canadians who have succeeded in
winning this coveted degree are very
few, and in each case the entire
profession may consider itself honored
by the selection of one of its members
for such a marked distinction."

Canada Med. Surg. Journal,

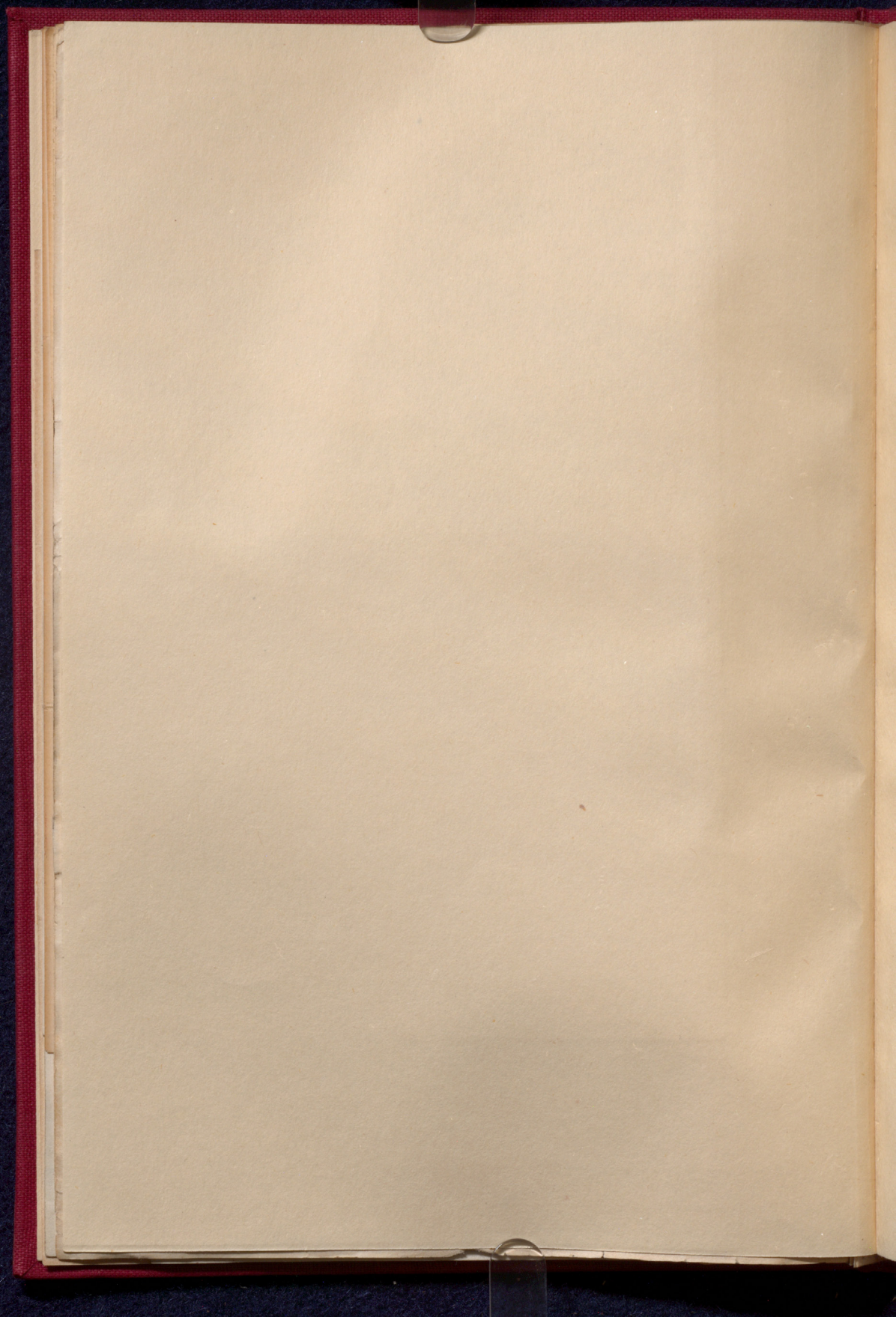
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This may be of use, so I send it to you

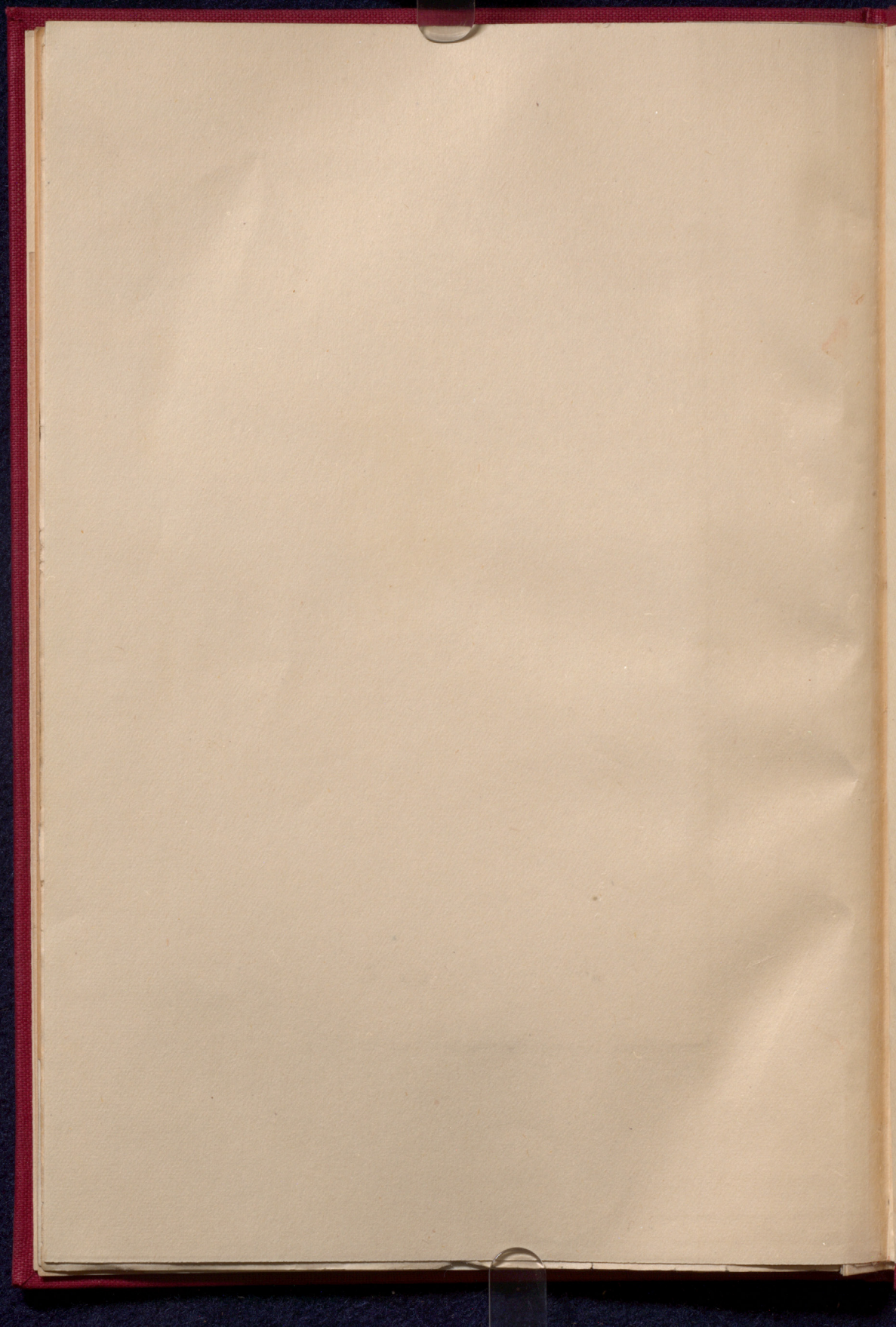
Yrs truly M.H.

PHILADELPHIA (Aug 1874)

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