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FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE
and
POST GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.
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The Fellowship of Medicine, founded in 1918, owes its origin very largely to the energies of Sir Arbuthnot Lane, Sir John Mac Alister and a few other Fellows of the Royal Society of Medicine. It was first known under the title of the Inter-allied Fellowship of Medicine, but this was soon changed in preference for the name "Fellowship of Medicine".

Sir William Osler took a keen interest in the founding of the Fellowship, but it was not until January 1919 that he was persuaded to become its President and the first effort of the Fellowship over which he presided was a banquet held on January 15th 1919 in honour of the Harvard Unit, when passing through London on its way from France to America. Though Sir William's health prevented him from taking a very active part in the business of the Fellowship, his interest never waned, as an extract from the first Annual Report of the Fellowship in February 1920 emphasises:

"Without his constant sympathy and help, the history of the Fellowship would have been very different. Our work occupied his mind to the very last. Just before the end when Sir John Mac Alister went to Oxford to see him, almost his first question was - 'How goes the Fellowship?' and his last words when taking leave - 'Keep on poking the fire.'" (An allusion to a joke of his when in a speech he referred to Sir John Mac Alister as "the man who pokes the fire" - Sir John has continued to 'poke the Fellowship fire' ever since!) (W.A.M.)

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The following blue sheet gives in brief the aims and objects of the Fellowship.