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It had been a long time since I had been at the Montreal General Hospital for
Each member of the ^{Medical} Board to make the *Journal de l'Association* on his
own father's - but in May 1900 of this year a new feature ^{of Pathologist-Dr. B. B. B. B.} was created, as for
as on the judges, to make proper use of the *Journal*, and in

~~On May 1st 1876 he received the appointment as Pathologist to the Montreal General Hospital and the autopsy room of the institution he laid the foundation stone of his subsequent brilliant career as a clinician.~~ ^{three months -} A summer session for students - was offered this year beginning the first of May "with opportunities offered in the M.G.H. wards and the advertisement of the States" that Ross, Roddick, Gardner, Buller and Godwood were to be the participants - goes on to say:

Can. Med. Assoc. Jn. will opportunities May - July 1876
 Notice of the summer session of 1876 appeared in the words of the M.G.H.
 Participants were Ross, Roddick, Gardner, Buller, Godwood,
 "And last, but not least, we have Dr Osler, who is an
 enthusiast in his department, who will give a course of
 twenty five lessons in Practical Histology, and also a
 course of Practical Pathological Demonstrations in the
 first lecture room"

From W.O.

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To ~~Edw. S. Schäfer~~
 Beaver Hall Hill
 Montreal
 [Circ July 1876]

To E. Schäfer from W.O.

My dear Schäfer,

A student of mine, one of our last year's Graduates, Mr. Ritchie, will shortly hand you a letter of introduction. He wishes to work in U.C. Laboratory and take the Physiological courses. I want him to spend a year with you and a year in Germany and then come out as my Assistant. He took my Pract. Histology last winter but you will find he does not know very much, as it was a short course, and chiefly Pathological. I think he has fair abilities and good fingers, but you will form your own estimate very soon. At any rate he will be, I hope an apter pupil than I was. I have been very much pleased with the Histological section of Quain and Sharpey which reached me about a month ago.

I am busy with our Summer Session having a ^{Course} Practical Histology

and one on demonstrative Pathology at the Hospital. Is there any likelihood of your coming West for the Centennial? If so, do let me know and I will go to the Niagara Falls with you and try to show you anything of interest in Canada.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely,
 WM OSLER.

It was during this summer therefore that he began his more serious studies
as a medical student which were to continue almost without interruption
until for the next thirteen years or until he went to Johns Hopkins.

~~Whether it was~~ ~~had any previous ideas~~ He has of course been greatly
influenced by Howard who ~~had~~ ^{fully} realized the importance of ^{personal} (first written) examinations
~~studies~~ for the success of a clinician; he had been still more ^{influenced} ~~influenced~~ ^{dearly}
his ^{superior} ~~superior~~ in Berlin with Virchow; and his ^{familiarity with} ~~interest in~~ the microscope,
~~more unusual for the time~~, made him easily exceed his fellows in modern
the adaptation of the microscope to ^{minute} study of ^{the processes of} ~~the~~ ^{diseases} ~~the~~
~~cases~~ ~~he must also have~~ ~~studied~~ ~~outside~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~class~~ ~~the~~ ~~fact~~ ~~the~~
same program of research in unravelling the ^{a fatal} ~~process~~ ^{malady} ~~which~~
~~had~~ ~~been~~ ~~found~~ ~~that~~ ~~had~~ ^{left} ~~the~~ ~~rich~~ ~~science~~ ~~and~~ ~~many~~ ~~other~~ ~~brilliant~~ ~~and~~ ~~many~~ ~~other~~
instructions your own for years at the autopsy table.

His industry was prodigious. Though he wrote through the form of dictation
notes to students ^{during} ^{assessments} ⁱⁿ ^{his} ^{course,} ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~course~~ ~~when~~ ~~it~~ ~~came~~ ~~to~~ ~~completing~~ ~~the~~ ~~report~~
it was set down in detail in his own hand. The three large quarto
volumes ⁱⁿ ^{manuscript} ~~of~~ ~~these~~ ~~manuscript~~ ~~notes~~ ^{with} ^{the} ^{one} ^{numbered} ^{and} ^{fully} ^{indexed} remain a monument
to his genius - to his capacity for work. During the succeeding year, from
May, 1876 to May, 1877 there were 100 autopsies fully worked up. Many
of the more interesting observations were from time to time reported at a
the meetings of the Medical & Chirurgical Society and at the end of the
year they were assembled and printed in book form representing the
first series of reports of the kind from any American hospital. ^{Many} ~~Other~~ ~~of~~
the more interesting specimens were preserved and form the basis
of the pathological collection in McJannet, which Dr. Waide about the
year and the succeeding years
written so fully, and he came to know the material so well that

he constantly drew upon it for his later writings. It is doubtful whether
anybody other than his interest and love ^{the} ~~for~~ ^{had} ~~him~~ ^{study} ~~the~~ ^{this} material

in such detail, he could hardly have realized until his later years that a long
^{experience in} the pathological laboratory, always has been and always will be the ^{only way} ~~the~~
^{with for surgeon or physician} ~~to~~ ^{to} reach ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{top} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~way~~ followed by ^{Bright, Stokes,} ~~Hunter, Paget, Bigg~~ and a
host of others.

~~Apparently in the fall he moved in to his new quarters ^{on St Katherine Street} ~~at~~
Dr Jona Bullen's tenement ~~at~~~~

Early in the next year his long deferred paper on the Canadian Fresh-water
Polyzoa was read before the Natural History Society of Toronto & was not
published till six years later. 1877
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his
~~the~~ researches were Johnson in 1867 and latter after that when a student of
biology were Professor Hickey at Trinity. Whenever possible he continued
with these ^{biological} studies. One might assume that he had already spent himself
enough but still another interest engaged him. It will be recalled that
while in Toronto he was visiting the Veterinarian in his study and
tabulation of animal parasites and it is evident from the titles ~~to~~
the ^{first} ~~uses~~ at this time of Professor of Physiology in the Veterinary College Montreal and
the President of the Montreal Veterinary Medicine Association) that his interest in comparative pathology was still alive. There were
several papers during the next few years ^{in the field of which} ~~of~~ ^{Remissions}
Branchitis in Dogs with Description of a new Parasite. The Veterinarian Lond. June 1877

he described a form of branchitis in dogs due to a person's ^{undetected} ~~undetected~~
parasite, since ^{and properly named} ~~called~~ the "Filaria Oleri". ^{He gave} ~~the~~ ^{theory} ~~regarding~~ ^{the}
the identity of the parasite, it may be added, though it has
mode of infection and probably that of him presented him from suggesting ~~it~~ ^{his} view
to experimental test. Other papers in comparative pathology ^{subsequently} ~~published~~ in ~~the~~
appeared in subsequent years the more important of them dealt with Pyloric
Gastritis, bovine tuberculosis and the parasites in the Montreal duck
supply.

→ The occasion of this study is told in his introductory paragraph. End in 55