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Dear Dr Cushing:-

Pardon my delay. I have been out of the City. I have presumed all along that you have in your possession probably Osler's most important deliverance in Canada - "The Master Word in Medicine" at the Opening Exercises of the University of Toronto in October 1903, published in the Canadian Practitioner and Review of November 1903, and I believe in some American Journal but I don't remember which. Inow fear that you have not seen it. You must see it and get from it some most important information re his work while still a student in Toronto.

I don't understand what you expect to get from catalogues. I think you would get practically nothing from them - certainly nothing as compared with this address. I think Dr Richardson's initials are not given in it. His name was James Henry Richardson - a wonderful teacher. I think I told you that W.O. was his favourite pupil and one of his prosecutors for a time. It seems to me that if you add what you find in "The Master Word" to what I gave you from his fellow-students you will have a fairly good picture of his student life in Toronto. I shall not attempt to give you any answers that you can get better from the address.

I don't know exactly what you mean by "all the children" but among the young people of Toronto I think my children were the favourites. A few notes by one of them will give you some idea of what a boy he was when he met them. Through Osler's influence my son Arthur spent some months with Kocher in 1904.

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Fred Wright was Henry Wright's son. He and Dick Zimmerman went over to England in 1872 and were in London probably all the time that Osler was there. After that Osler saw but little of either of them. Fred Wright died young - T.B.

No, there was no course in Histology in the School in Osler's time or in mine. Bovell's microscope was in the School a good part of the time when Osler was there but was only used by Osler and Bovell so far as I ever heard.

Personally I first became intimately acquainted with Osler in 1879 or 80. Dr Barrett the Professor of Physiology was seriously ill and they asked me to give the lectures in the following session. I consented and went first to Montreal where I spent about three weeks with Osler in his laboratory. I don't know that I ~~learned~~ learned much but I had a mighty fine time with the good fellows of McGill.

I never gave the lectures in Physiology as Barrett turned up well instead of dying and I gladly gave the work over to him. I was however Secretary and as such always arranged all functions outside of the routine teaching and thus had nearly all to do with Osler in his various addresses in Toronto up to 1902. I "managed" his first appearance in the old Toronto School of Medicine about 1890. I worked quietly and got together a great crowd who gave him a tremendous ovation which ~~gave~~ filled him with surprise and pleasure.

Yours sincerely

