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Gulstonian Society

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My dear Harvey:-

I find that W. O. did use the title M. R. C. P. (Member of the Royal College of Physicians) with several papers, for example one entitled "Notes on Intestinal Diverticula" in the Annals of Anatomy and Surgery, 1881, IV, #5, November.

I have looked up the question of the date of his election as Fellow and find that I was wrong with reference to the relative order of Sir Clifford Allbutt and himself. They were elected Fellows in 1883 and W. O. is the last name on the list, which means that he was the youngest Fellow in point of duration of holding the membership. C. A. is the third on the list and notwithstanding this he was chosen to give the Gulstonian Lecture in 1884. The rule is not absolute that the youngest Fellow gives the Gulstonian Lecture the following year, but it has generally been observed. No Fellows were elected in 1884 and hence there were two Gulstonian Lecturers *from* the Fellows of 1883. I do not know whether it is of sufficient importance to find out why this was. I have written to the College to find out the dates of the Membership and whether he took the Licentiate examination.

I shall send you the account of a dinner to MacAlister in which a good deal is said about the Royal Society formation. You will see there is practically no reference to any part taken by W. O. Of course this may be largely because the dinner was for MacAlister.

I enjoyed my week in Boston very much and only regretted that I could not stay longer.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Thomas McCrae