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There was probably no one ~~aspect~~ feature of his life in Philadelphia that Osler missed more than his intimate relations with the College of Physicians and its superior library. In Baltimore the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty, before whom he had given his "Science & Practice" address in 1889, bore the titular relation to the local profession as did the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. It was a dormant body which possessed at this time a few thousand dusty volumes of ~~an ancient~~ the mid-century vintage, housed in the basement of the Maryland Historical Society. The rejuvenescence of this respectable and aged society which seemed to have passed into a hopeless dotage is almost wholly attributable to Osler's interest and activity. In this year, 1892, he ~~was~~ volunteered to go on the library committee and continued to serve in this capacity ~~for the next thirteen years~~ until the end of his ~~time~~ Baltimore period during which time the Faculty made two migrations to better and better quarters and the library grew from its small ~~beginn to~~ nucleus to one of nearly 15000 volumes by 1905. As an element in this renaissance he succeeded the following year in getting a trained librarian appointed Miss Marcia C. Mayo who has given her own account* of Osler's ~~[illegible]~~ great services, behind the scenes as they often were in the upbuilding of the ~~[illegible]~~ existing library. STet ~~and since by no means [illegible] his dependence for support~~

* Osler's influence on the library of the Medical & Chirurgical Faculty of the State of Maryland. Johns Hopkins Bulletin July 1919.

Osler's interests in libraries were accumulative and as or with his friends, the contact once made it was never ~~totally~~ subsequently lost and so with he seen the library at McGill, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Philadelphia, of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, of this Maryland Faculty, and finally of the Bodleian or with or gathers in which he only indirectly became ~~interested~~ ~~him~~ in contact ~~this support means~~ flogged. Led to the founding, all continued to profit by his support which never lagged though his personal backing, of the Medical Library Association in Surgeons later and in 1901 at the opening of the new building of the Boston Medical Library he ~~says~~ made this confession:

"It's been for me a great pleasure to be a practical good fellow"

"Bill Osler & Mum"

fifty-two times. ~~As was the case~~ Just as in Montreal, it was unusual that he did not have some interesting specimen to show, some new technical method to demonstrate, or some subject of interest to present in relation to comparative pathology; for ~~here again, as in Montreal,~~ though the opportunity in Philadelphia was less great since the Veterinary Department of the University had only just been established to afford him advantage of every possible occasion to pursue his studies, ~~established, to make any comparative study~~ of diseases in the lower animals.