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(W.O. to H.A.Lafleur)

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Dear Lafleur:-

Many thanks for your kindness in sending the notes of Compain's case, in which I was particularly interested. McPhedran had suspected aneurism when he came down here. I have just been looking over his notes. His first severe attack was in April, 1897, evidently of great severity; the pain was agonizing, exactly over the heart and extending through the back. Then he had attacks again through July and November of that year, and in January of 1898. For sixteen days he was unable to lie down, and slept in a chair. He sweated at times in the attacks and turned pale. An interesting thing was that he always attributed his attacks to stomach trouble, and the doctor sent him to me as a case of severe chronic gastritis. My notes are very specific about the examination for aneurism. There was no tracheal tugging and the breath sounds were equal. He left the hospital very much improved. This is the second case of aneurism of the aorta I have seen in which the early symptoms were attacks of pain of great severity preceding for several years the onset of the positive signs of aneurism. This winter I hope to revise my lectures on angina pectoris, when I shall use your charts if you don't mind.

I have read your address in medicine with interest. I wish I could get time to finish our tuberculous pleurisy material. Parfitt analyzed most of it, and I have got the rest of it up to date. There are some very interesting points, but alas! I am swamped with work at present.

By this time you will have had a copy of the new edition of the textbook I hope. I ordered it to be sent to you some weeks ago.

We had a delightful summer after a nice round in Holland. I went to the Tuberculosis Congress, then to Cheltenham to the British Medical Association, and to North Berwick. Thayer, as you may have heard, married Miss Susan Read, whom you remember, I daresay, in the old days on Monument Street. Jacobs, Fatcher and a delightful young surgeon, Cushing, are living next door to us.

Mrs. Osler and the boy send love.

Sincerely yours,

Wm Osler