

*G. Osler at the Tomb of Louis -  
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On Thursday, October 5, 1905, Dr. Lawrence F. Flick gave a Luncheon to his friends who were attending the International Congress on Tuberculosis in Paris, but being called away at the last hour by the President of France to accompany him to the Dedication Ceremony of a new sanatorium, Dr. Osler acted as host. At the close of the Luncheon Dr. Osler suggested that we make a pilgrimage to the Tomb of Louis in Montparnase Cemetery. In this pilgrimage were:-

Dr. Henry G. Beyer, U. S. N.  
Dr. John W. Brannan, New York City.  
Dr. George H. Evans, San Francisco.  
Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs, Baltimore, Md.  
Dr. A. Kayserling, Berlin.  
Dr. Arnold C. Klebs, Chicago, Ill.  
Dr. S. A. Knopf, New York City.  
Dr. John H. Lowman, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Dr. D. J. McCarthy, Phila., Pa.  
Dr. A. J. Magnin, Paris.  
Dr. Stephen J. Maher, New Haven.  
Dr. C. W. Norton, Casanovia, N. Y.  
Dr. Wm. Osler, Oxford.  
Dr. F. M. Pottenger, Los Angeles.  
Dr. Whitman, New York.  
Dr. Joseph Walsh, Phila., Pa.

On the way to the Cemetery Dr. Jacobs purchased a wreath, which Osler placed on the tomb. The tomb is an unpretentious house vault about five feet wide and ten or eleven feet high. In the triangle at the top is the word "CREDO", and below "Famille Louis". In the vault are Louis, his wife and his son. Osler said a few words about the life of Louis, the sad death of his son, at the age of eighteen, of tuberculosis, something about Louis' work in typhoid fever and tuberculosis, and the amount of influence he had on American medicine, since he taught Oliver Wendell Holmes, the elder Fitz, the elder Pepper, Gerhart, and Bowditch. He, also, mentioned the fact that Louis himself died of tuberculosis, though only at eighty-five. Looking back on it now, his sympathetic commentary on Louis' sorrow over the death of his son was a touching prelude to what he himself was to be called on to suffer a few years later on the death of his own son Revere at the Front.