

Proctor

When I met her old Mrs. O told

for the
 Mrs. O. would fund her (Hampstead?) to

Bushy Park to carry the news of better of
 Waterloo. } before comes out "debeate pair indulged"
 Those lessons in how to patch leather boots

Body O sat in room other till she sat up.

She left quiet all morning - Mawell's birthday cake
 designed by ^{her} Mrs. Eds. wife - represented the
 5 generations of makers she had been through
 George William "Victoria" Eds.

wanted it kept up to show her - took two weeks
 carry it up as she could not come down -

the 2 men used have to put in their Sunday clothes -

carried it up.

Spoons made for descendants - (3 sizes ^{for each generation} ~~of~~ in all ± made in Toronto)

A Cornish Squire in Toronto - came and asked if there was a thing

He too some old Cornish songs she wanted them to sing.

& The little dancing fire also at the party as Mrs. O. so much

the readings were then coming out to the Con.

Also little white plates given to Cousins
 relations servants etc.

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**DR. OSLER SAYS IT'S
Dec. 14 1906 ALL A HUGE JOKE.
Denies That He Ever Advanced The
Chloroform-At-Sixty Theory,
As Has Been Charged.**

(Toronto Dispatch in New York World.)
"That's an old chestnut."

That was Dr. William Osler's reply to-night to a World correspondent when he sought a talk on the "chloroform-at-60" question.

"The papers turned that into a huge joke, and they're keeping it up pretty well," he added, good-naturedly.

"Does not your mother's attainment of the century mark in the full possession of her faculties contradict your '60 limit' theory?"

"Nonsense! Certainly not," he replied, seriously. "I never took any such ground as the papers say. It was nothing but gross misrepresentation."

"Will you tell us what you did say?"
"It is all on record, and can be obtained, but you will not find any such statements as have been represented in the press."

Refusing to be drawn further into this topic, Dr. Osler's attention was turned to his mother's great age and what had made such longevity possible.

"You know she came of fine stock," he said, "and that counts for much. She is in splendid health today. In fact, I see very little change in her during the last two years, save that her eyesight and hearing are failing slightly. Mentally, she is as bright as possible. No faculty appears to be failing. She is of an even, passive disposition, always cheerful. In fact, that was always her temperament. It is very rarely that she converses even for a minute without cracking a joke. She is always joking," added the Doctor by way of emphasis.

"Had she ever a hobby?" asked the correspondent.

"In her young days she took most pleasure in preparing clothes and other articles for missionaries. She was a great missionary worker, and thus a great help to father, who, by the way, lived to 95 years of age, and was in active ministerial work to within a few years of his death."

"What is her chief pleasure now?" he was asked.

"Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren," the Doctor promptly replied. "She knows every one of them and all about them. Each one to her is as a tender lamb. When they suffer, she suffers, and when they laugh, she laughs. She was a great mother to her boys," said Dr. Osler, reflectively.

He concluded by expressing the belief and hope that she would yet live for several years. "Though she does not go out of the house," he said, "she moves about her rooms quite freely, and has a fine time of it every day with some of her grandchildren or great-grandchildren. This has been a great day for her, and no person entered more heartily or enjoyably into the festivities."

Mrs. Featherston Osler celebrates the hundredth anniversary of her birth. Presents and flowers in profusion filled the house on Wellesley street, where the grand old woman is living. There assembled 13 representatives of the first generation of Oslers, accompanied by their 23 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. The saintly old lady was, of course, the centre of attraction. She was given the place of honor at the table and received many affectionate embraces from fond descendants. She was as one who had returned from the other world.

Hundreds of telegrams of congratulations were received, but possibly the most acceptable words of all were those in a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury; Earl Grey, the Governor General of Canada, Conservative members of the House of Commons, the staff of Johns Hopkins University, the State Medical Faculty of Maryland and numerous branches of the Woman's Anglican Auxiliary to Missions also sent

letters.

To each of her descendants Mrs. Osler gave a spoon to mark the occasion, and a souvenir plate also goes to each and to several intimate friends. The spoons are of heavy silver and in three sizes—a large size for the first generation, an intermediate size for the second generation and a wee spoon for the little fellows of the third generation. The handle is a Cornish cross, with the Cornish motto, "One and all." Lower on the handle are the dates "December 14, 1806-1906."

Above is the name "Ellen Tree Osler." Ninety-six of these were distributed.

With Mrs. Osler hale and hearty at 100, there is point for easy cracks at the age-limit theories of her distinguished son, whose views readily admit of such perversion that no amount of explaining could now correct false impressions of them. The remarkable feature of the case is the high standard of ability shown by her family circle. Her sons include one of the ablest of Canadian lawyers, a well-known Canadian financier, a justice of the Ontario Court of Appeals, as well as Professor Osler, late of Baltimore and now of Oxford. Mrs. Osler has lived under five English sovereigns, and she has 6 children living, 26 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. Such matriarchal dignity is rarely equaled.