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(To W.O. from Geo. de Schweinitz)

1705 Walnut Street, Philadelphia
March 6, 1915.

Sir William Osler,
13, Norham Gardens,
Oxford, England.

Dear Dr. Osler:

Doubtless Dr. James C. Wilson has written to you in regard to the change which we have made in the College of Physicians in its relation to what used to be known as the Weir Mitchell Lecture, and have established what Dr. Wilson calls the Weir Mitchell Oration, and have adopted a by law covering this subject. Dr. Wilson has been kind enough to make me Chairman of the Committee in charge of this Weir Mitchell Oration, the other members being Dercum, Frank Packard, Neff and Charlie Frazier. We had our first Committee meeting the other day, and not only because we sat just beneath your photograph which hangs over my desk, but because we always have you in affectionate memory, it was unanimously resolved that we should appeal to you to take into consideration the delivery of this first oration. It will take place in the fall of 1916. I realize that it is perhaps quite impossible for you to say yea or nay to this proposition at the present time, surrounded as you are by the multiplied trials of life, but don't cast it aside entirely, I beg of you. I hope that the horrid events which pile one upon the other with startling rapidity at the present time will be settled long before the fall of that year arrives, and that we may welcome you in this country for this purpose. When I shall receive your reply I shall be glad to write more in detail, but Dr. Wilson told me that he would give you full information in regard to the honorarium and the kind of lecture which we hope to have. Please keep us in mind. I need not tell you how anxiously and earnestly we think of you and all the work that has fallen to your share. Pray give my best respects to Lady Osler, and remember me to your son, and with best respects and kind regards to yourself, believe me to be

Yours sincerely,

G. de Schweinitz