

From Dr. Malloch's Journal.
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General Birkett for dinner and they talked of old times in Montreal. How "E.B." chairman of the Temiskaming and another railroad (?Quebec) used to come down to Montreal about every week. W.O. would return from the hosp. or college and find a letter from Donald Smith "at 7 "as your brother is down." After meal, in spite of W.O.'s presence, they would talk of finances of the C.P.R. (this in about 1885) and Angus, Stephen, MacIntyre and others were there too. They went through very bad times for a couple of years. It generally ended by Donald Smith leaving for N.Y. the next morning and getting his credit raised by "his friend Kennedy." Later W.O. talked of Lord Strathcona's "domestic infelicities" and how he (W.O.) met McGibbon and - - - who were down in N.Y. squaring The World which had got hold of some story of the Hudson Bay Country.

W.O. spoke of Buller and so did Gen. Birkett and how, though such a splendid man in his own line, and with such a wide knowledge of medicine, he would catch at any scheme that would bring in 20-30-40-50-60 per cent. He tried to get W.O. to let him have first thousand dollars W.O. had earned, but the latter "thought it best to invest it in post-graduate work in London."

Mystery House in Norfolk in Summer of 1919-----W.O. said when he first heard of it "I should write to the Times and say 'cherchez la femme' if there were not so many other important troubles in the country. Another time when Sir Oliver Lodge wrote one of his letters to the Times Sir Wm. said "if there were not a War on I should write to the papers and say 'Put up or shut up! for there were never any pro@fs given of communications with the dead, only the bare statement that Oliver Lodge had had them.

Dr. George Ross of Montreal could never understand W.O.'s pranks and asked him "What does Howard think of all this?"--- dictating notes at a p.m. in a very serious way and two minutes later skylarking about the morgue.

Seventieth Birthday. Sir Clifford Allbutt's address Sir D'Arcy Power's ---Prof. MacAlister the gathering and how W.O. nearly broke down several times in reading his reply, his voice broke and we felt that he could not recover himself--- but he did on each occasion. The J.H.H. Bull. for July and especially Thayer's article.--- Present from the Colophon Club (members of the Bibliographical Soc. who dined together after the meetings) Pare's circa 1492, Regimen contra Pestelentiam -----J.Y.W. MacAlister's The Osler Medical Library. a dream.-----W.O. returns and on the way down in the train Lady O. could tell that he was getting a cold and he went to bed with bronchitis and probably a patch of bronchopneumonia-----the scores of telegrams he got and the letter he wrote to everyone of the contributors thinking them all for writing for the volumes. " Ill for over a week. 19th July when Lady O. and I were having our tea in his room he jokingly said "It would have been so much better if the fever and pneumococcus had taken me off." How dramatic and what a relief to all those fellows who have just written my obituary notices in the J.H.H. Bull." pointing to it as it lay on the bed. "They would be saved so much trouble."

W.O. got up the round robin to get J.Y.W. MacAllister made a knight in 1919.

In Jersey he told me he had only three times been spoken to about his soul and twice in a "buggy" -- --once on top of the "Mountain" N. of Dundas, again on driving minister of St. Paul's Church (Hamilton) into Hamilton and third time on the Chestnut(?) St. bridge in Phila.

Dr. Wenkebach's letter received by W.O. 19th July 1919 from Vienna -----very gloomy about Vienna --- did not know till Hector Munro arrived that we were not wanting in the matter of food in Eng..Evidently W.O. had helped to send food for W's patenets in Vienna.