

The Oslerian

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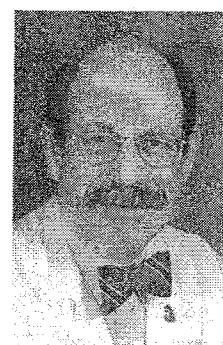
A Message from the President

Help Wanted for a New Book of W.O. Aphorisms

Greetings, Fellow Oslerians!

A young internist, new in his practice, called me with the following lament: "I was told by _____ (the internist-administrator who is head of his hospital-controlled clinic) that the days of Oslerian bedside medicine are over under the edicts of managed care medicine." We have all heard this complaint or its variation that speaks so bitterly and poignantly about the limited time that a doctor can spend with the patient and the loss of the doctor-patient relationship. Others are saying, "Where is Osler when we need him?" and it seems true that no one is vigorously defending the traditions of Oslerian medicine. I raise this

concern because I wonder whether our fine organization should be more proactive in this regard. One of the major purposes of the AOS, as stated in our bylaws (see back page of this newsletter), is to perpetuate the examples of William Osler to succeeding generations. We do generate significant scholarship at our meetings, but we are mostly talking to the choir, not to the medical students, housestaff, and non-Oslerians outside our society. Some of us teach about Osler in the medical school and residency setting, and the success of the recent fine books and articles by Bryan, Bliss, and Golden as well as the issue of the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* devoted to Osler, attests to the special reception that Osler still receives from



Mark Silverman

a contemporary audience. We are far too small an organization to exert political pressure, but I believe that we can do a better job in bringing the example of Osler to the attention of others. This can be accomplished through inviting people to our meetings, talking and lecturing about Osler, publishing our abstracts, and

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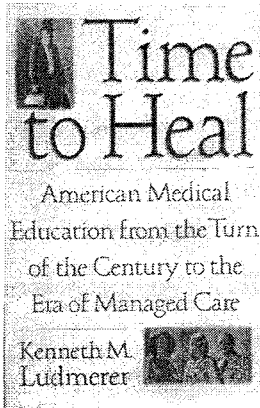
Ludmerer's *Time to Heal* Draws Highest Praise

Reviewers seem to be vying with one another to find adequate superlatives for Kenneth Ludmerer's new book, *Time to Heal* (Oxford University Press, 1999). A sequel to his previous book, *Learning to Heal*, Ludmerer has given a comprehen-

sive, far-ranging analysis of medical education in the 20th Century. The book is meticulously researched—one eminent historian exclaimed, "I don't see how Ken did it!"—yet Ken writes with a bold stroke. Some of us recall how

Ken presented the outline for his book, without notes, as his presidential address at the 1995 AOS meeting, ending with a passionate commentary on the impact of managed care. We should not be surprised in the least by the encomiums.

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Time to Heal, by Kenneth M. Ludmerer (Oxford University Press, 1999).



Kenneth M. Ludmerer
(president, AOS, 1994-1995)

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— Mark Silverman

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Drawing on primary source materials including bins of dusty papers in deans' offices throughout the country, Ludmerer takes on just about every conceivable aspect of medical education—how we got there and where we are going. *Creating the system . . . Academic Medical Centers and the Public . . . The Ascendancy of Research . . . The Expansion of Clinical Service . . . The Forgotten Medical Student . . . Academic Medical Centers Under Stress . . . Medical Education in an Era of Cost Containment and Managed Care . . . A Second Revolutionary Period . . .* It's all here.

Within months of the arrival of *Time to Heal* on the bookshelves, *Academic Medicine* (October 1999) carried a series of commentaries. The editor noted that Ludmerer "is both physician and historian, the ideal combination to focus perceptively upon American medical education during the explosive changes of the 20th century." The reviewer for *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine* (Winter 2000) concludes: "This is scholarly work of the highest quality. It is to be read and reread." The reviewer for *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* (Summer 2000) calls it "an indispensable addition to the literature on twentieth-

century medical education." Numerous other commentaries could be sited.

In my opinion, Ken Ludmerer's book and Rosemary Stevens's *American Medicine and the Public Interest* are by far the most important factual and moral commentaries on the American medical enterprise to appear within the last half-century. Jerome Kassirer, editor emeritus of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, speaks for us all: *Time to Heal* "establishes Ludmerer as one of the great medical historians."

Congratulations, Ken!

—CSB

President's Message (continued from page 1)

disseminating new books and articles by and about Osler as gifts to others. In this regard, I propose that we work together as a society to publish our own book of Oslerian quotations. The examples of Osler live primarily through his oft-quoted aphorisms and quotes, yet these are not readily available in one well-indexed source. A new book, with some biographical information about Osler with pictures included, would be prized by teachers and writers who are looking for just the right quote for an article or talk or as a special gift to medical students. Perhaps an enlightened pharmaceutical company might even be interested in giving the book to medical graduates. In addition, there may be unmined

comments by Osler that have been neglected or unavailable in the usual sources. For example, I discovered the following lovely quotation in Osler's Harveian Oration of 1908 that I do not find referenced elsewhere: "In the first place, like a living organism, Truth grows, and its gradual evolution may be traced from the tiny germ to the mature product. Never springing, Minerva-like, to full stature at once, Truth may suffer all the hazards incident to generation and gestation. Much of history is a record of the mishaps of truths which have struggled to the birth, only to die or else to wither in premature decay. Or the germ may be dormant for centuries, awaiting the fullness of time."

I would like to invite each member's participation in producing this book. Charles Bryan and Jock Murray have agreed to help put it into final form. Please let me know by e-mail or letter if you are willing to review an assigned number of articles written by Osler to seek undiscovered questions and check for the authenticity of old ones. Which ones are your favorite quotations? Also, I would like to receive your suggestions about extending the outreach of the AOS. Who knows, perhaps a new century is the right time to introduce the teachings of Osler to an audience that seems greatly in need of old wisdom.

—Mark E. Silverman

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Minutes, Board of Governors Meeting, 30th Annual Meeting, The American Osler Society, Inc., 16 May 2000, Bethesda, Maryland

Present: *Officers*—Dee J. Canale, Mark E. Silverman, John C. Carson, Lawrence D. Longo; *Governors*—Billy F. Andrews, Michael Bliss, Charles S. Bryan, Eugene H. Conner, Richard J. Kahn, Philip W. Leon, T. Jock Murray, Francis A. Neelon, Cynthia D. Pitcock, Marvin J. Stone, Fernando G. Vescia, John B. West; *Invitees*—Paul G. Dymont, W. Bruce Fye, Lynne Hardin, E. Carwile Leroy, Clark T. Sawin, John W. K. Ward.

The meeting was convened by President Canale at 7:00 PM, 16 May 2000, in the Hyatt Hotel.

1. **Minutes of Last Year's Meeting.** The minutes of the Board of Governors and the Business meetings held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 4 and 6 May 1999, were circulated by mail in June 1999. It was voted to accept the minutes as recorded.
2. **Deaths.** President Canale noted that subsequent to our last meeting, three members of the Society have died: Honorary Member Alastair H. T. Robb-Smith, Charter Member George T. Harrell, and Emeritus Member R. Carmichael Tilghman. He requested a moment of silence in their memory.
3. **Secretary-Treasurer Report.** The Secretary-Treasurer reported on current membership in the Society (see below). The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted, contingent upon the report of the Auditing Committee. The Secretary-Treasurer noted that the AOS accounts of 1999 (as well as 1994 to 1998) had been audited by J. Patrick Yhip and Associates. (Table 1. Statement of Receipts; Table 2. Statement of Disbursements; Table 3. Income and Expenses, 1999 Annual Meeting; Table 4. William B. Bean Education Endowment Fund; Table 5. McGovern Lecture-ship Account; Table 6. Inventories; Table 7. Total Assets).
4. **Committee Memberships for 2000/2001.** President Canale appointed these as follows: (a) **Auditing Committee** (3 Members, none of whom are officers of the Society): Paul G. Dymont (chairman), Perry Hookman, Claus A. Pierach. This committee was charged to report its findings at the Annual Business Meeting, 18 May; (b) **Nominating Committee** (3 members): Charles S. Bryan (chairman), Richard Eimas, T. Jock Murray; (c) **William B. Bean Student Research Committee** (3 members): Richard Eimas (chairman) (term expires 2001), Charles S. Bryan (term expires 2002), Philip W. Leon (term expires 2003); (d) **John P. McGovern Award Lectureship Committee:** Dee J. Canale (chairman) (term expires 2001), Gary B. Ferngren (term expires 2002), T. Jock Murray (term expires 2003), Michael Bliss (term expires 2004), John P. McGovern (ex-officio).
5. **1999/2000 Nominating Committee Report.** Cynthia D. Pitcock (chair), K. Garth Huston, Jr., Francis A. Neelon recommended the following nominees for office. Second Vice President, Lawrence D. Longo; Board of Governors (three-year term), Paul G. Dymont, E. Carwile Leroy, Clark T. Sawin, Secretary-Treasurer, Charles S. Bryan. These nominees will be voted upon at the Annual Business Meeting.
6. **William B. Bean Student Research Committee.** Marvin J. Stone (chairman), Charles S. Bryan, and Richard Eimas, announced the awardees for 2000/2001. These are: Jennifer Keam, Oregon Health Sciences University for her proposal, "The Portrait of the Renaissance Physician in Shakespeare's Plays," and Beth Preminger, Cornell University School of Medicine for her proposal, "The Case of Chester Southam: Pushing the Limits of Professional Responsibility." Each student will receive \$1000 towards their research, and will be asked to present the results of their research at the 2001 meeting in Charleston, South Carolina. The Committee also submitted the following Selection Criteria to assist in the choice of awardees: (1) The project should deal with medical history and/or medical humanities; (2) The goal should be stated clearly; (3) The goal should be realistic; (4) The applicant should demonstrate familiarity with the relevant literature; (5) Originality; and (6) Scholarly approach. John C. Carson volunteered to attempt to locate previous Bean awardees, and to determine whether their papers had been published. The Board requested the Secretary-Treasurer to notify the Deans of each medical school, the presidents of the student associations, as well as the constituent societies of the AAHM of this award for the 2000/2001 year. The Board reaffirmed its commitment to build the endowment for the Student Research Fund to \$50,000. With this amount, this program should be able to continue to be funded from the accrued interest.
7. **John P. McGovern Lecture Report.** Richard J. Kahn (Chairman), Dee J. Canale, Gary B. Ferngren, and T. Jock Murray reminded the Board that this year's lecture will be given by Gert H. Brieger, M.D., Ph.D., William H. Welch Professor of History and Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore.
8. **Report of Local Arrangements.** Your Secretary-Treasurer reported on local arrangements for the Bethesda meeting.
9. **Election of New Members to the Society.** The Membership Committee, Mark E. Silverman (Chairman), T. Jock Murray, Marvin J. Stone, and Cynthia D. Pitcock recommended the following nominees to Membership: *Honorary*—Gert H. Brieger, Baltimore, Maryland; *Active*—

Barry Cooper, Dallas, Texas; Martin J. Dalton, Macon, Georgia; Daniel D. Morgan, Fremont, California; Christopher G. Goetz, Chicago, Illinois; William C. Roberts, Dallas, Texas; William A. Smith, Jr., Fulton, Kentucky; Herbert M. Swick, Missoula, Montana; John T. Truman, New York, New York; *Student*—Benjamin Cody Wright, Boston, Massachusetts.

10. **Society Membership.** As of 16 May 2000, membership in the Society included 68 Active, 2 Non-Resident Active, 8 Associate, 56 Emeritus, 2 Inactive, 4 Honorary, and 1 Student member; Total = 141. Following this meeting, 2 Active members (Buchanan and Selby) join the Emeritus group. Thus, with 1 new Honorary member 8 new Active members (including 2 former Associate members), and 1 Student Member elected, the number of members will be as follows: 74 Active, 2 Non Resident Active, 6 Associate, 58 Emeritus, 5 Honorary, 2 Students, Total = 149 (Active membership is limited to 125).
11. **Sites for Future American Osler Society Meetings.** Future Meeting Sites were discussed at some length, and selected as follows: **2001.** The AOS will meet Tuesday to Thursday 17-19 April at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC. Charles S. Bryan, Philip W. Leon, E. Carwile Leroy, and W. Curtis Worthington will serve as Local Arrangements Chairmen. This will be followed by the AAHM meeting 19 to 22 April. **2002.** The AOS will meet Tuesday to Thursday 23-25 April at the University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, KS. Robert L. Martensen will serve as Local Arrangements Chairman. This will be followed by the AAHM meeting 25 to 28 April. **2003.** The Board discussed the idea of holding a joint meeting with the Osler Club of London and the Japan Osler Society in Edinburgh, Scotland in May. A Committee was formed to investigate this, consisting of Mark E. Silverman (Chairman), John C. Carson, Lawrence D. Longo, Charles S. Bryan, and will work with John W. K. Ward from the Osler Club of London, and with other societies including the Scottish Society for the History of Medicine.
12. **Program Committee.** The Board voted to appoint a Program Committee to plan for next year's Annual Meeting: John C. Carson (Chairman), Francis Neelon, Cynthia Pitcock, and T. Jock Murray. This Committee will survey the membership regarding the possibility of having the meeting last for three days, having more time for discussion, increasing opportunities for new members to present, and the idea of simultaneous sessions and/or poster sessions.
13. **ByLaws Committee.** The Board voted to appoint a Committee to review the Bylaws: Mark E. Silverman (Chairman), Dee J. Canale, John C. Carson, and Lawrence D. Longo. This Committee was charged to send a questionnaire to members regarding recommendations for a Financial Oversight Committee and/or whether to separate the office of Secretary-Treasurer. In addition, the Committee will obtain the members' views on criteria for Honorary Membership in the Society.
14. **Subventions for Osler Books.** The Board voted to give up to \$6,000 each (\$12,000 total) to the Osler Library, McGill University, for a subvention to support publication of the volumes by Mark Silverman on "Oslerian Aphorisms," and by Lawrence D. Longo and Philip Teigen on "Dearest G.... Yours WO: William Osler's Letters from Egypt to Grace Revere Osler."
15. **World Wide Web.** The Board of Governors agreed to have a professional web master develop a Web Site, which will present information about the Society—its purpose, goals, programs, *et cetera*. In addition, the website would include: the names and addresses of members, abstracts of papers presented at the annual meeting, and a selection of aphorisms of William Osler. Members are requested to submit other suggestions for this site (see *Newsletter*).
16. **William Osler School of Medicine.** The Board considered a letter from Stewart Wolf regarding a new William Osler School of Medicine to be established in Danville, Pennsylvania. Invitee Lynne Hardin, who works on this project, participated in the discussion. The Board requested Dr. Wolf to define the vision/objectives of this program, and to outline what he believed individual members of the Society might do to assist with the development of this program. The Board went on to record that the Society *per se* should not make a commitment to support this school, but that individual members could serve in an advisory capacity.
17. **Transactions of the AOS.** With the aim of developing a permanent record of the papers presented at the annual meetings, the Board voted to ask Frank Neelon and Clark Sawin to [develop] a plan to publish/preserve this record. As noted above, a preliminary plan would be to include the abstracts on our web site.
18. **Persisting Osler III.** As you recall, the Society plans to publish a third volume of papers presented at the annual meetings. Jeremiah A. Barondess and Charles G. Roland have requested that members who have presented papers to the Society during the past decade (1991 to present) submit manuscripts for inclusion in the third volume of the collected papers of the Society. For those papers that have been published, please forward a copy of the reprint. Send manuscripts to: Jeremiah A. Barondess, M. D., The New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029-5293.
19. The Secretary-Treasurer noted that information and invitations had been sent to a number of individuals at Uniformed Services of the Health Sciences, Georgetown, and George Washington Universities inviting them to attend the annual meeting.

President Canale thanked those members who were completing their terms of service on the Board of Governors: Past President Billy F. Andrews and Governors Charles S. Bryan, Cynthia D. Pitcock, and Marvin J. Stone. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence D. Longo, Outgoing Secretary-Treasurer
Charles S. Bryan, Incoming Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes, Annual Business Meeting, 30th Annual Meeting, The American Osler Society, Inc., 18 May 2000, Bethesda, Maryland

President Dee J. Canale convened the meeting at 7:30 AM.

1. **Minutes.** The previously circulated Minutes of the last Annual Business Meeting held in Montreal, 7 May 1999 were approved.
2. **Deaths.** President Canale reported the death of Honorary member Alastair H. T. Robb-Smith, Charter member George T. Harrell, and Emeritus member R. Carmichael Tilghman. Members stood for a moment of silence.
3. **The Secretary-Treasurer** reported highlights of the 16 May 2000 Board of Governors Meeting (see Minutes of that meeting). He also presented a brief report on the activity of his office during the past year, and membership changes. He concluded with a report on the financial status of the Society (Tables 1 to 7 attached to the Board of Governors Report), and noted that the accounts had been audited by J. Patrick Yhip and Associates.
4. **The Auditing Committee,** Paul G. Dymont (Chairman), Perry Hookman, and Claus A. Pierach reported that the Society's accounts appeared to be in proper order. The members voted to accept the report.
5. **The Nominating Committee,** Cynthia D. Pitcock (Chairman), K. Garth Huston, and Francis A. Neelon, reported the following slate of officers for 2000/2001: Second Vice-President, Lawrence D. Longo; Board of Governors (three year term), Paul G. Dymont, E. Carwile LeRoy, Clark T. Sawin, Secretary-Treasurer, Charles S. Bryan. The members voted to accept this report. Thus, the officers for 2000 will be: President, Mark E. Silverman; First Vice-President, John C. Carson; Second Vice-President, Lawrence D. Longo; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles S. Bryan
6. **The William B. Bean Student Research Committee,** Marvin J. Stone (chairman), Charles S. Bryan, and Richard Eimas presented a report of that committee (see Board of Governors' Minutes).
7. **John P. McGovern Lectureship Committee.** Richard J. Kahn (Chairman) presented a report of that Committee.
8. **President Canale** announced the Committee Appointments for the 2000/2001 year (See Board of Governors Minutes).
9. **New Members.** Following a vote of the membership, President Canale announced the following individuals elected to Active, Associate, or Student Membership: *Honorary Membership*—Gert H. Brieger, Baltimore, Maryland; *Active Membership*—Barry Cooper, Dallas, Texas; Martin L. Dalton, Macon, Georgia; Daniel D. Morgan, Fremont, California; Christopher G. Goetz, Chicago, Illinois; William C. Roberts, Dallas, Texas; William A. Smith, Jr., Fulton, Kentucky, Herbert M. Swick, Missoula, Montana, John T. Truman, New York, New York; *Student*—Benjamin Cody Wright, Boston, Massachusetts. Those new members present were introduced to the Society.
10. **Future Meeting Sites.** President Canale reviewed the sites for the 2001, 2002, and 2003 minutes (see Board of Governors Minutes).
11. **Subvention for Publication of Books by Osler Library.** As noted in the Board of Governors Minutes, the Board voted to provide subventions for the publication of two monographs by the Osler Library, McGill University.
12. **McGovern Lecturer.** On behalf of the Society, President Canale thanked Gert H. Brieger, the 2000 John P. McGovern lecturer.
13. **37th International Congress of the History of Medicine.** Chester R. Burns reminded the members of this conference which will be held 10-15 September 2000 in Galveston.
14. **Presentations.** Allen Weiss expressed his concern that the number of presentations and the time allotted for each presentation should be increased. Several members expressed their preference for a 2-1/2 day meeting, and suggested that the last half-day might be an overlap with the American Association for the History of Medicine.
15. **Tribute to the Secretary-Treasurer for his 12-year Tenure.** Charles S. Bryan made a brief tribute with slides for the outgoing Secretary-Treasurer, and for his service to the Society over the past 12 years. Dr. Bryan pointed out that, in addition to his activities for the Society, he is a leading investigator in the area of developmental physiology. President Canale presented the Secretary-Treasurer with a handsome fountain pen on behalf of the Society. All members present rose spontaneously and gave the Secretary-Treasurer a standing ovation.
16. **Appreciation.** President Canale thanked the members and Board of Governors and gave Dr. Silverman, the President for 2000/2001, the Oslerian Latchkey symbol of office. In turn, President Silverman thanked President Canale for his superb term of service, and presented him with an inscribed Oslerian Latchkey wall plaque.
17. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lawrence D. Longo, Outgoing Secretary-Treasurer
Charles S. Bryan, Incoming Secretary-Treasurer

Table 1. Statement of Receipts, 1 January to 31 December

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Balance of account, 1 January	132,238.26	176,743.40	210,257.84	256,832.87	328,415.54
Income:					
Dues and initiation fees	7,200.00	6,900.00	6,750.00	7,700.00	9,775.00
Meeting registration	6,400.00	11,200.00	10,950.00	13,200.00	22,900.00
Other meeting income	6,965.00	9,630.00	9,565.00		15,915.00
Continuing medical education	540.00	580.00	840.00	980.00	1,060.00
AOS latchkeys, ties	510.00	4,055.00	1,040.00	990.00	1,095.00
<i>Persisting Osler, I and II</i>			380.00	190.00	180.00
Educational Endowment Fund*	4,867.80	4,630.43	8,313.82*	9,897.45*	13,154.34*
Friends of 13 Norham Gardens	300.00	250.00	485.00	450.00	200.00
Friends of Osler Library	290.00	375.00	365.00	350.00	200.00
McGovern Lectureship*	3,630.27	14,051.18	9,462.89*	15,200.88*	46,662.66*
Refund of meeting expenses					735.33
Dividends Income	1,856.93	823.19			19,288.33
Appreciation of equities	34,606.17	15,304.98	26,569.53	48,497.45	40,546.44
Total Income	67,166.17	67,799.78	74,721.24	97,455.78	171,712.10
Net Funds	\$199,404.43	\$244,543.18	\$284,979.08	\$354,288.65	\$500,127.64

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
Printing Expenses	133.19	141.82	1,592.47	368.12	497.18
Aequanimitas ties	860.00				
New Aequanimitas ties	250.00	6,760.95	2,584.00		
AOS Posters, Bookmarks		3,515.24			700.00
<i>Persisting Osler I and II</i>		4641.00			9,894.00
Meeting expenses	10,349.77	12,327.55	13,351.73	13,306.19	19,600.60
Continuing medical education	580.00	580.00	840.00	980.00	1,060.00
McGovern Lectureship	4,289.37	2,286.92	3,312.93	3,019.42	5,731.88
Educational Endowment Fund	2,679.26	1,102.15	3,783.58	1,590.00	4,691.80
AAHM Constituent Society dues	60.00	120.00		60.00	120.00
Friends of Osler Library	250.00	250.00		1,000.00	1000.00
Subvention for book(s)					12,000.00
Friends of 13 Norham Gardens	500.00	500.00		500.00	1,000.00
Presidential plaques		1,026.33	19.00	1,170.00	
Web site					245.00
Refunds (meeting registration)	355.00	200.00	662.50		325.00
Deposit for next year's meeting			2,000.00	800.00	2,545.00
U.S. Treasury (IRS)					240.00
Money management fees	2,354.44	833.38		3,079.38	2,851.03
Transaction cost					20.00
Total Disbursements	22,661.03	34,285.34	28,146.21	25,873.11	62,521.49
Balance of Account, 31 December	176,743.40	210,257.84	256,832.87	328,415.54	437,606.15

Table 3. Income and expenses, 1999 Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec*

	<i>Gross Income</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Net</i>
Totals	39,550.00	21,425.77	18,124.73

Table 4. William B. Bean Education Endowment Fund, 1999*

	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Beginning Balance, 1 January			37,744.52
Research stipends, Rubin (1000.00) Mull (1000.00), and Dickinson-Chamberlin (500.00)		2500.00	
Travel and hotel (McGrann, 1998; Blitz, 1998)		2191.80	
Donations to fund	8,625.00		
Interest (X 0.12)	4,529.34		
Totals and Ending Balance, 31 December	13,154.34	4,691.80	46,207.06

Table 5. McGovern Lectureship Account, 1999*

	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Balance</i>
Beginning Balance, 1 January			55,522.17
Printing 1998 Lecture		2,973.92	
John D. Stobo, Lecturer		2,743.96	
Engraving Medal		14.00	
Contribution by Dr. John P. McGovern	40,000.00		
Interest (X 0.12)	6,662.66		
Totals and Ending Balance, 31 December	46,662.66	5,731.88	96,452.95

Table 6. Inventories, American Osler Society, 31 December 1999 (summary)*

Summary: 28 copies of *Persisting Osler I*, @34.00 = \$952.00; 630 copies of *Persisting Osler II*, \$13,325.00; 1 Latch Key, \$29.00; 13 regular old ties, @20.00= \$260.00; 5 old bow ties, @15.00 = \$75.00; 110 regular new ties, @36.00 = 3,960.00; 51 new bow ties, @25.00 = 1,275.00; Total of inventories = **\$19,876.00**

Table 7. Total Assets, American Osler Society

	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>
Assets on 1 January	133,742.44	177,957.30	220,054.86	266,993.87	339,574.54
Financial Assets on 31 December, Securities (Fidelity Investments)	176,743.40	210,257.84	256,832.87	328,415.54	437,606.15
Inventories on 31 December	1,213.90	9,797.02	10,161.00	11,159.00	19,876.00
Total Assets on 31 December	177,957.30	220,054.86	266,993.87	339,574.54	457,482.15

***Notes on tables:** *Table 1:* Figures include interest earned (\$4,329.34 to Education Endowment, and \$6,662.66 to McGovern Fund for 1999); *Table 2:* There were no expenditures during these years for an Administrative Assistant, Postage/Miscellaneous, and Telephone/FAX; *Tables 3, 4, 5, and 6:* Complete data including data for prior years are available from the Secretary-Treasurer upon request.

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The American Osler Society has been founded for the purpose of bringing together members of the medical and allied professions who are, by their common inspiration, dedicated to memorialize and perpetuate the just and charitable life, the intellectual resourcefulness and the ethical example of William Osler (1849-1919). This, for the benefit of succeeding generations, that their motives be ever more sound, that their vision be on everbroadening horizons, and that they sail not as Sir Thomas Browne's Ark, without oars and without rudder and sails and, therefore, without direction.

Spend the last half-hour of the day in communion with the saints of humanity. — W.O.

Abstracts for 2001 Meeting Due November 15

For several years the AOS has had a pleasant problem: more quality submissions for the annual meeting than can be accommodated. President Silverman has determined that the Program Committee should be chaired by the First Vice-President and should get an early start on its deliberations. To that end, we request that abstracts for next year's program (Charleston, S.C., 18-19 April 2001) be submitted by November 15, 2000.

Please observe the following guidelines:

1. Make the abstract no longer than one page.
2. Provide the complete title, the names of all co-authors, and the corresponding author's mailing address, telephone number, FAX, and e-mail address.
3. Provide sufficient information for the Program Committee to determine the merits of the abstract and its possible interest to membership. State the conclusions of the paper. Keep phrases such as "will be presented" to a minimum.
4. Include in a covering letter your opinion of the paper's potential interest to members. Also state the date of your last presentation to AOS, since some preference will be shown to members who have not presented in recent years and to prospective members.

Please send five copies of the abstract and a covering letter to the Secretary-Treasurer. Thanks!