

The Oslerian

A Message from the President Kansas City, Here We Come!

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Greetings, Fellow Oslerians!

Charley Bryan and the Program Committee have completed our Kansas City program, and from Frank Neelon's READINGS at 1500 on Tuesday, April 23rd, through our visit to Bob Martensen's Clendenning Library—into which Bob Hudson put forty years of his life and blood, and filled with richest such as Samuel Johnson spoke of as "beyond the dreams of avarice"—I hope you will be able to join us.

Philip Leon who has educated us about Sarah Orme Jewett and Edith Wharton, not to mention Mark Twain, returns with Browning and Rabbi Ben Ezra. S. Robert Lathan, speaking on "The Death of Thomas Wolfe," will have Earl Nation in the audience. The Evelyn & Earl Nation Collection of Wolfeiana is destined for the Huntington Library. Every speaker should have such an auditor!

The Committee has worked out time for questions and answers this year and Bruce Innes's timer will keep everything up to date and on time. The topics include insights into George Dock, Maude Abbott, and John Shaw Billings. I know

of no other organization where everyone stays for every paper.

Is this the year that we see the reappearance of old friends whom we have missed? Mark Kingsbury, Ted Steinbock, Chris Shields, and Bruce Parker—you have been weighed in the balance and are wanted!

After Montreal, Toronto, Bethesda, and Charleston—Kansas City?

YES—KANSAS CITY!

Our hotel, the Westin Crown Center, incorporates exposed section of the hill into which it was built and features a 60 foot waterfall carved into the natural limestone. It abuts on the Fine Arts Collection of Hallmark and is connected by walkway with Kansas City's fine beaux-arts Union Station, which opened in 1914, closed in 1989, and was rechristened in 1999 as a collection of museums, restaurants, bistros, and a Science City which is exciting to children of all ages.

Within walking distance is Liberty Memorial, America's largest tribute to the soldiers of World War I, and the Medical School of the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Downtown is filled with such historic gems as McKim, Mead & White's New York Life Building, and the venerable Savoy Hotel & Grill, plus art deco classics exemplified by City Hall and the Jackson County Courthouse.

Country Club Plaza, the Linda Hall Library, the Midwest Research Institute, and the newly opened Stowers Research Institute are all full of fascination.

Our banquet will be at the R. Crosby Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art. This will afford an unhurried opportunity to view this outstanding collection. The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, under massive renovation for the past year, will be at least partially open for inspection of its fine Asian and modern sculpture collection.

Perhaps all the American Osler Society needs in 2002 in Kansas City is *you*.

LET'S ROLL!!!

—John C. Carson, M.D.

Secretary-Treasurer's Note: For anyone straddling the fence about whether to attend this year's meeting, I'll be happy to send an advance copy of the program. Just write, Fax, or e-mail. —CSB



John Carson

Oslerian Progress Notes

Earl F. Nation will receive in May 2002 the Ramon Guiteras Award, which is the highest honor that can be bestowed by the American Urological Association.

Jeremiah A. Barondess delivered last May the first John P. McGovern Lecture at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, entitled "Is Osler Dead?" and now published in *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine* (Winter 2002).

The Textbook Room—that is, the room on the second floor of the historic administration building of the Johns Hopkins Hospital where W.O. wrote *The Principles and Practice of Medicine* during 1891—was officially opened last May as a "mini-museum." Stephen Achuff and AOS charter member Victor McKusick raised

some \$250,000 from fellow faculty members and friends, worked with the staff of the Alan Mason Chesney Medical Archives at Johns Hopkins, and engaged the services of an interior designer, Peg Walsh. Among the items displayed are W.O.'s stethoscope, a latchkey to One West Franklin Street, and a silver bowl that W.O. and "Lady Gross" (as he sometimes called her) received as a wedding gift. According to *Hopkins Medical News* (Fall 2001), Drs. Achuff and McKusick are still looking for the first-printing copy of the textbook inscribed by Osler to Hunter Robb, the OB/GYN resident whose room W.O. commandeered for the project. Bruce Fye, are you out there?

The Osler-McGovern Centre at 13 Norham Gardens, Oxford, was formally opened by

HRH The Princess Royal to "promote the art and science of medicine through lectures, seminars, workshops, and conferences as well as providing accommodation for visiting scholars and post-doctoral fellows." In the November 2001 issue of the *Green College Record*, Irvine Loudon puts in perspective the history of the residence occupied by W.O. from 1906 until his death in 1919. In brief, Norham Gardens was part of a second phase of suburban development begun by St. John's College, which owned most of the land in North Oxford. 13 Norham Gardens was designed by William Wilkinson (a noted architect who also designed the Randolph Hotel) for Thomas Dallin, Fellow of Queen's College. The house cost 3,150 pounds, which was about 6 times the gross income of a College Fellow at that time.

W.O.'s renovations cost 4,300 pounds, more than the original cost of the house. Lady Osler gave the house to Christ Church College, which later transferred it to the University as a home for future Regius Professors of Medicine. The last Regius Professor to live during his term of office was Sir Richard Doll. The house has been leased to Green College for the past 20 years. Now, thanks in large measure to Dr. McGovern's generosity, this historic building will take on a new life. AOS Contributions to 13 Norham Gardens will further support this important Centre.

Charles S. Bryan has had published *Infectious Diseases in Primary Care* (Philadelphia: W.B. Saunders; 2002).

More on Osler's Daughter (!) (?)

Gerald Weissman, in his infamous essay "Against *Aequanimitas*,"¹ gave rise to a serious misunderstanding of W.O. among scholars who, I suggest, need education. Weissman wrote, "Dylan Thomas may have gotten it right: rage, not *aequanimitas*, ought to be the proper human response to disease and death." As I have argued elsewhere,² Weissman sets up a straw man bearing little or no resemblance to the W.O. whose personality we celebrate in the American Osler Society. My case has three points: (1) W.O. began his lecture on "*Aequanimitas*" by telling the graduating medical students that, for the sake of time, he would limit his remarks to but two qualities (*aequanimitas* and

imperturbability) of the many they would need in practice; (2) W.O. never claimed that these two qualities are incompatible with compassion; (2) to the contrary, W.O. taught of the importance of love for our fellow humans and of not "hardening the human heart by which we live." Taking the "*Aequanimitas*" lecture completely out of context, Weissman and those who follow his lead seem to contend that W.O. had a systematic bias against caring and compassion in the name of *aequanimitas*. It has been my experience that those who hold this view have not taken the time and trouble to study Osler.

Recently, I bought with great anticipation a new book on "humanizing medical practice" only to find that the author—like Weissman—sets

up Osler as a straw man with a "model of equanimity" that conflicts with true caring and empathy. As I read on I found this incredible passage: "Osler's biography is an exemplar [sic] of this ideal of stoicism, in that he frequently experienced the deaths of people he cared for, both personally and professionally. When his own daughter died, he carefully hid his intense grief and quickly carried on with his work." The author hastens to add in a footnote, "However, when his own son died later in his life, he grieved more openly."³ Help!!!

All of us who write make mistakes that we come to regret, but in this instance I would point out that (1) the author seems to be an extremely bright person who has won awards for her work; (2) the book was

published by a truly outstanding press; and (3) the glaring faux pas of "Osler's daughter" slipped by at least 13 scholars who read the manuscript.

Fellow Oslerians, we have work to do!

—CSB

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More Oslerian Reactions to September the 11th

The following letters were not included in the previous mailing for lack of space.

Fernando Vescia writes (on 30 September 2001) from California:

I have enjoyed getting your messages. I underwent back surgery six weeks ago and I am in the first phase of what my orthopedic surgeon describes as a prolonged convalescence. I mention this for on the morning of September 11 '01 our daughter was on her way to JFK to come and visit us when the cab she was traveling in was suddenly deluged with all sorts of debris. They stopped and learned through the radio of the attack on the World Trade Center and that all flights were being suspended. When we finally made contact with her that evening we could hardly be more grateful to hear her voice but like the rest of us terribly saddened for those who had perished and the families they left behind.

How to respond will require a search for the causes, unmasking the real culprits and then every bit of ingenuity and steadfastness of which we are capable of.

—In aequanimitas,
Fernando G. Vescia

Jock Murray e-mails (on 5 October 2001) from Halifax, Nova Scotia:

Janet and I were looking forward to our visit to Ireland in September and enjoyed travels through the Hills of Tara, as family lore suggested there were descendants of the Kings of Tara on my grandmother's side. After our travels in Galway and Connemara we had hoped to be able to join Mark and Diana Silverman as they were across the water for Mark's induction as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, but our dates didn't match. While we were in Dublin we took a trip to Glendaloch, as medieval center of learning, nestled among the hills beside two lakes, now a mystical ruin.

One our party went into a nearby inn to see if we could have tea and came back saying, "I have bad news." We thought there was no tea. But she had seen on the TV that the first plane hit the World Trade Tower. We all wanted to get back to our hotel to see what was happening, and on

the way the radio told of the second hit and the astounding news that the towers had collapsed. I can remember our disbelief. "What did they say? Collapsed?" I had once stayed on the top floor of the World Trade Center when there was an executive hotel there, bringing two of my kids to enjoy New York while I had a meeting of the Board of the American Academy of Neurology. Collapsed? My God. You could hear gasps from everyone.

Back at the hotel there were many American friends, tears in their eyes, who just wanted to get back home with their families, but they couldn't. When we tried to get home, we knew our connections wouldn't work so we made arrangements to fly to Heathrow a day early and camp overnight in the terminal to catch a connection the next day. We met one helpful person after another. I shall always remember how in that crowded airport everyone seemed to look out for everyone else, opened their doors, their wallets, and their hearts to anyone in need. And there

were no complaints. If people were waiting in the terminal, and many were families with kids and no money, there on the benches for the last four days, they did not complain, and they just went out of their way to help anyone who looked like they needed a helping hand. Men offered to walk crying babies. Policemen obtained pillows for people who wanted to sleep on the floor. The executive lounges took in anyone, families who were there for days, and they cared for them and fed them. Everyone's inconvenience was a mere bagatelle compared to those in New York, both those who died and for their families and friends. Spending 24 hours in airports trying to get home was for us an uplifting event as it showed us the spirit and kindness of people, and in the face of a terrible crime, that people are essentially good.

—Sincerely,
Jock

Osler and William Carlos Williams, Anyone?

Vince Kopp (Vkopp@aims.unc.edu) sends the following research query:

Dear Dr. Bryan,

First, thank you for writing your wonderful book, "Osler." I have given it as a gift to physician friends and found it to be a grounding influence in my own life. Thank you.

My purpose in writing is to seek assistance with research. I am struck by struck by certain similarities between passages I attributed to Osler and passages I have

read in the prose writings of William Carlos Williams. WCW was a Penn graduate. My research goal is to establish a link between WCW and Osler of either a direct or indirect nature, perhaps through a protégé of Osler's who was a teacher of Williams. Any guidance you may provide about assessing resources to achieve this goal is welcome.

—Sincerely,
Vincent J. Kopp

In response: (1) Thank you, thank you! (2) You're now on

our mailing list, at least temporarily, and I hope you'll consider presenting this work at one of our meetings and become interested in joining AOS. (3) As you know, WCW entered Penn two years after W.O. left for Hopkins. Gerald Weissman, the notorious anti-Oslerian, touts WCW's superior humanistic qualities (compared to his erroneous assessment of W.O.'s) in his essay "Against Aequanimitas" (see citation on page 2); (4) I'm unaware of any studies on the subject—and I've

both volumes of *An Annotated Checklist of Osleriana* (Earl F. Nation, Charles G. Roland, and John P. McGovern, 1976 and 2000). As you know, many of W.O.'s best-known "non-medical" writings were written after he left Penn; (5) **Fellow Oslerians:** You can respond to Dr. Kopp by e-mail or at the Department of Anesthesiology, School of Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. —CSB

An Open-Book Quiz Based on the New Book by Hinohara and Niki—Prize Offered So You Think You Know Osler's Inspirational Addresses?!

The new book by Shigeaki Hinohara and Hisae Niki, *Osler's "A Way of Life" and Other Addresses with Commentary and Annotations* (Durham and London: Duke University Press, 2001), establishes beyond all doubt that we are in the midst of a veritable Osler renaissance. What sets this volume of 20 of W.O.'s addresses apart from all others are the 1,575 footnotes, including W.O.'s literary, biblical, classical, historical, and contemporary allusions and also his quaint words and Latin phrases. This monumental piece of scholarship, it seems to me, deserves a quiz. So here it is! **First (and only) prize for the highest score submitted before April 15, 2002 (or for the first perfect score) will consist of a medical-historical memento of Kansas City, to be presented at the annual Business Meeting.** Answers can be submitted by regular mail (in which case the postmark will date your entry) or e-mail to the Secretary-Treasurer. —CSB

DIRECTIONS: For each of the following **MATCHING** questions, choose the one best answer. (e.g., 1. — c). Use each answer only once for each set of questions.

QUESTIONS 1-4. BIBLICAL

- Syrian ship captain cured of leprosy*
 - Patriarch at the Jabbok*
 - Said, "Is thy servant a dog?"*
 - Assyrian god*
- Jacob
 - Nisroch
 - Naaman
 - Hazael

QUESTIONS 5-9. BIBLICAL

- Jael*
 - Araunah*
 - Gehazi*
 - Nehustan*
- Elisha's servant
 - Brazen Serpent
 - Owned a threshing floor
 - Killed Sisera

QUESTIONS 9-12. CLASSICAL

- Came back to life*
 - Recorded Epictetus*
 - Caused inextinguishable laughter*
 - Faithful comrade*
- Hephaestus
 - Achates
 - Er the Pamphylian
 - Flavius Arrian

QUESTIONS 13-16. CLASSICAL

- Neil Armstrong predecesor*
 - Came home safely*
 - Blinded by Héra*
 - Noble old Ephesian*
- Empedocles
 - Tiresias
 - Heraclitus
 - Nestor

QUESTIONS 17-20. MYTHOLOGY

- Controls the present*
 - Scattered Set's handiwork*
 - Pass to Underworld*
 - Boatman on the Styx*
- Golden Bough
 - Charon
 - Clotho
 - Isis

QUESTIONS 21-24. MYTHOLOGY

- Fathered river gods and sea nymphs*
 - Nine heads*
 - Turned into a grasshopper*
 - Presided over childbirth*
- Lucina
 - Tithonus
 - Titan
 - Hydra

QUESTIONS 25-28. SHAKESPEARE

- Had a simple philosophy*
 - Son of Sycorax*
 - Coined "Sir Oracle"*
 - A wise and good magician*
- Graziano
 - Prospero
 - Caliban
 - Corin

QUESTIONS 29-32. OSLER CONTEMPORARIES

- Collected fossils*
 - Pioneered hip surgery*
 - Took on "geological knot"*
 - Formed huge library*
- John Rhea Barton
 - John E.E.D. Acton
 - Philip Henry Gosse
 - Othniel Charles Marsh

QUESTIONS 33-36. POETRY

- Within this life,/Though lifted o'er its strife*
- Whatever my ways my days decline,/I felt and feel, tho' left alone,/His being working in mine own,/The footsteps of his life in mine.*

- The weary tasks I used to con!/The hopeless leaves I wept upon!/Most fruitless leaves to me!*
- Bearing on shoulders immense,/Atlantean, the load,/Well nigh not to be borne./Of the too vast orb of her fate*

- Robert Browning
- Alfred Tennyson
- Matthew Arnold
- Thomas Hood

QUESTIONS 37-40. POETRY

- Lilies that fester smell far worse than weeds*
- He is made one with nature; there is heard/His voice in all her music, from the moan/Of thunder, to the song of night's sweet bird; He is a presence to be felt and known/In darkness and in light, from herb and stone./Spreading itself where'er that Power may move/Which has withdrawn his being into its own*
- Whatever triumphs shall hold the mind./Whatever gifts shall yet enrich mankind./ Ah! Here, no hour shall strike through all the years,/No hour so sweet as when hope, doubt, and fears,/Mid deepening silence watched one eager brain/With Godlike will decree the death of Pain.*
- I have loved no darkness./Sophisticated no truth,/Nursed no delusion,/Allowed no fear.*

- Matthew Arnold
- Percy Bysshe Shelley
- William Shakespeare
- Silas Weir Mitchell

**QUESTIONS 41-44.
POETRY**

- a. *As the sweet-apple blushes
on the end of the bough,
the very end of the bough,
which the gatherers over-
looked, nay overlooked not
but could not reach.*
- b. *What days were those Par-
menides! /When we were
young, when we could
number friends/In all the
Italian cities like our-
selves;/ When with elated
hearts we joined your
train/Ye Sun-born Virgins
on the rod of truth.*
- c. *Bowed by the weight of
centuries he leans/Upon
his hoe and gazes on the
ground, /The emptiness of
ages in his face,/And on
his back the burden of the
world./Who made him
dead to rapture and de-
spair,/A thing that grieves
not and that never hopes,/*
*Stolid and stunned, a
brother to the ox?*
- d. *Let me not live.../After my
flame lacks oil, to be the
snuff/Of younger spirits
whose apprehensive
senses/All but new things
disdain.*

41. Matthew Arnold
42. William Shakespeare
43. Sappho
44. Edwin Charles Markham

**QUESTIONS 45-48.
GEOGRAPHY**

- a. *Limits of the mortal world*
b. *Sir Thomas Browne prac-
ticed there*
c. *Israel*
d. *Land of gold*
45. Norwich
46. Hercules Pillars
47. Ophir
48. Jeshuran

**QUESTIONS 49-52.
WORDS AND
EXPRESSIONS**

- a. *Not following my own
advice*
b. *An appetizer, a tasty
morsel*
c. *Splashing; striking*
d. *Afraid to speak one's
mind in plain terms*
49. Bonne-bouche
50. Mealy-mouthed
51. Julking
52. Recking my own rede

**QUESTIONS 53-56.
WORDS AND
EXPRESSIONS**

- a. *Ant-like*
b. *Like a certain mutual
exchange*
c. *Journey upward*
d. *Dried-up teachers*
53. Anabasis
54. Exsuccous dons
55. Trophyllactic
56. Myrmecic

**QUESTIONS 57-60.
WORDS AND
EXPRESSIONS**

- a. *Inflated self-esteem*
b. *Monkey People*
c. *Ship's surgeons*
d. *Medicated liquor*
57. Metheglins
58. The Bander-Log
59. Megalocephaly
60. Sawbones

**QUESTIONS 61-64.
LATIN**

- a. *Foolish flames*
b. *Go with me*
c. *Hard earth*
d. *Sacred disease*
61. *Tellus dura*
62. *Ignes fatui*
63. *Vade mecum*
64. *Morbus sacer*

QUESTIONS 65-68. LATIN

- a. *Everyone thus, but I not
thus*
b. *Not in uniform*
c. *Art consists of concealing
art*
d. *Companion for the road
and life*
65. *In mufti*
66. *Ars est celare artem*
67. *Comes viae vitaeque*
68. *Omnes sic ego vero non sic*

QUESTIONS 69-72. LATIN

- a. *Those who praise time
past*
b. *Present state of affairs*
c. *Women are the trumpets
of doctors*
d. *Diseases of educated peo-
ple*
69. *Morbi eruditorum*
70. *Status praens*
71. *Foeminoe sunt medicorum
tuboe*
72. *Laudatores temporis acti*

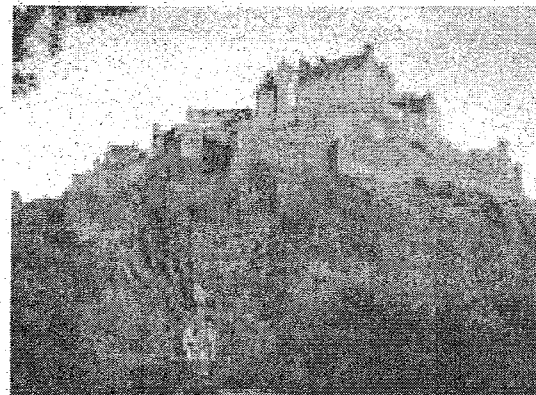
**QUESTIONS 73-76. SCOT-
TISH PHYSICIANS**

- a. *Pioneered bone surgery*
b. *Moved to London*
c. *Defined "genius"*
d. *Studied Greek medicine*
73. John Ferriar
74. Francis Adams
75. Richard Huck Saunders
76. William Macewen

ANSWER SHEET

(To be eligible for prize, copy, sign,
and submit to Secretary-Treasurer)

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Edinburgh Castle will be a familiar sight at the 2003 AOS meeting.

AOS Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Income, Expenses, and Liquid Asset Balances, 1995-2001

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
START BALANCE, 1 JANUARY	132,238.26	176,743.40	210,257.84	256,832.87	328,415.54	437,635.88	439,237.65
<i>Income</i>							
Dues and initiation fees	7,200.00	6,900.00	6,750.00	7,700.00	9,775.00	6,400.00	9,900.00
Meeting income ¹	13,905.00	21,410.00	21,355.00	14,180.00	39,875.00	33,945.00	33,575.00
Latchkeys, ties, T-shirts	510.00	4,055.00	1,040.00	990.00	1,095.00	830.00	1,329.00
<i>Persisting Osler I and II</i>			380.00	190.00	180.00	135.00	85.00
Educational Endowment Fund ²	4,867.80	4,630.43	8,313.82	9,897.45	13,154.34	975.00	20,855.00
Friends of 13 Norham Gardens	300.00	250.00	485.00	450.00	200.00	355.00	355.00
Friends of Osler Library	290.00	375.00	365.00	350.00	200.00	455.00	460.00
McGovern lectureship/contributions ²	3,630.27	14,051.18	9,462.89	15,200.88	46,662.66	26,000.00	36,849.20
Miscellaneous income ³	1,856.93	823.19			20,053.39	30.27	
Appreciation of equities	34,606.17	15,304.98	26,569.53	48,497.45	40,546.44	-13,001.98	-22,233.11
Total Income	67,166.17	67,799.78	74,721.24	97,455.78	171,743.83	56,123.29	81,175.09
<i>Expenses</i>							
Administrative assistant						1,500.00 ⁸	6,000.00 ⁸
Supplies and postage						273.40	293.85
Printing	133.19	141.82	1,592.47	368.12	497.18	1,502.58	1,677.64
Latchkeys and other merchandise ⁴	1,110.00	11,302.52	2,603.00	1,170.00	700.00	1,606.04	
<i>Persisting Osler I, II, and III</i>		4,641.00			9,894.00		882.00
Meeting expenses ⁵	10,929.77	12,907.55	14,191.73	14,286.19	20,660.60	27,233.93	37,134.72
McGovern Lectureship Account	4,289.37	2,286.92	3,312.93	3,019.42	5,731.88	3,790.89	6,162.21
Wm. B. Bean Educational Endowment	2,679.26	1,102.15	3,783.58	1,590.00	4,691.80	3,775.60	4,388.00
Deposits for future meetings			2,000.00	800.00	2,545.00	4,500.00	1,271.18
Friends of Osler Library	250.00	250.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	610.00
Friends of 13 Norham Gardens	500.00	500.00		500.00	1,000.00	500.00	480.00
Subventions for books					12,000.00		4,199.20
Web site					245.00		1,195.00
Refunds ⁶	355.00	200.00	662.50		325.00	1,275.00	790.00
Money management fees	2,354.44	833.88		3,079.38	2,851.03	3,567.64	3,460.02
Miscellaneous expenses ⁷	60.00	120.00		60.00	380.00	3,996.44	4,631.95
Total disbursements	22,661.03	34,285.84	28,146.21	25,873.11	62,521.49	54,521.52	73,175.77
END BALANCE, DECEMBER 31	176,743.40	210,257.34	256,832.87	328,415.54	437,635.88	439,237.65	447,236.97

Secretary-Treasurer's Notes for 2002 Annual Meeting

Footnotes to Table (page 6)

1. *Meeting income* includes registration fees, luncheon and banquet tickets, and continuing medical education fees.
2. *Educational Endowment Fund and McGovern Lectureship Found incomes* includes interest on the balance for some years but not for others (that is, in other years this amount is included as miscellaneous income or change in equity values. Dr. John P. McGovern made a \$20,000 contribution to the Educational Endowment Fund and a \$25,000.00 contribution to the McGovern Lectureship in 2001.
3. *Miscellaneous income* variably includes dividend income (\$19,288.33 for 1999; tabulated elsewhere in subsequent years), refunds of meeting expenses, and positive changes in credit balance.
4. *Other merchandise* includes neckties, posters, bookmarks, and presidential plaques. T-shirts are shown as miscellaneous expenses/
5. *Meeting expenses* include facilities fees, luncheons, banquets, special outings, and CME fees.
6. *Refunds* include meeting registration fees and overpayments of dues.
7. *Miscellaneous expenses* include American Association for the History of Medicine dues, Internal Revenue Service (1999 only), audit (\$3,650.00 in 2000, when Dr. Longo reconciled all accounts held in Loma Linda, California; \$1,000 in 2001 for accountant's reconciliation and tax preparation), bank transaction costs, and T-shirt purchases (2001).
8. *Administrative assistant and payment for postage and supplies* were assumed by the Society at the time of changeover of the Secretary-Treasurer position (2001).

Other Notes for AOS Members

1. *Contributions by Dr. John P. McGovern* are entirely responsible for our having more liquid assets at the end of 2001 than at the beginning despite a downturn in the financial markets that affected nearly every shareholder. Dr. McGovern's contributions were as follows: \$25,000 to the McGovern Lectureship fund, \$20,000 to the Educational Endowment Fund (Bean Lectureship), \$7,500.00 to the general operating fund (made as Dr. McGovern's response to a mailing indicating how the adverse financial markets had affected our balance), and Provide for printing of 400 copies (220 for the John P. McGovern Foundation, 180 for the AOS) of a monograph entitled *Saints of Humanity: Selections from Sir William Osler's Recommended Bedside Library* (scheduled for distribution in early March; this amount is listed as a book subvention in the itemized expenses shown here.
2. *Distribution of the Society's liquid assets are as follows*: Investment account (securities) with Fidelity Investments, Boston, \$389,359.16; interest-bearing money market account with Fidelity Investments, Boston, \$56,082.93; non-interest-bearing cash account (escrow account) Bank of America, Columbia, S.C., \$1,794.88.
3. *Inventories of goods* on 31 December 2001 was \$21,729.04. This includes 27 copies of *Persisting Osler I* and 628 copies of *Persisting Osler II* (all in the possession of Dr. Lawrence D. Longo), 28 latch keys, 7 old *Aequanimitas* neckties (3 four-in-hand, 4 bow); 67 new *Aequanimitas* neckties in red (50 four-in-hand, 17 bow); 66 new *Aequanimitas* neckties in gray (38 four-in-hand, 28 bow); and 76 T-shirts (4 medium, 12 large, 60 extra large). This total does not include 9 presidential plaques and 6 McGovern medals.
4. *Net worth of Society* on 31 December 2001 was \$468,966.01 (sum of the balance of the 3 accounts and the value of the inventories; there were no outstanding liabilities).
5. *Balance of the William B. Bean Educational Endowment Fund* on 31 December 2001 was \$70,287.84. This represents a 43.7% increase over the balance on 31 December 2000 and a 229% increase in the balance on 31 December 1995. The increase during 2001 reflects the generosity of Dr. McGovern (see above) and the continued policy of adding 12% interest from the Society's general funds to the previous year's end balance.
6. *Balance of McGovern Lectureship Fund* on 31 December 2001 was \$168,948.35. This represents a 29.8% increase over the balance on 31 December 2000 and a 565% increase over the balance on 31 December 1965. Explanations are the same as for the Bean Fund.

Recommendations for the Consideration of the Board of Governors and Membership

1. *Student Membership*: This category of membership appears to be under-subscribed, and the criteria for student membership remain somewhat unclear. I suggest that we award student membership to all Bean Award recipients and consider student membership for all persons who submit formal applications for the Bean Award. Continued student membership could be for the duration of one's training, contingent upon some demonstration of continued interest in the Society.
2. *Dues Structure*: Last year the dues were increased, after a decade with no increase. Should we consider, however, a differential dues structure with higher dues for practicing physicians (whether in private practice or academic clinical departments) than for persons based in non-clinical departments, who generally have lower incomes?
3. *Large Inventory of Persisting Osler II*: Dr. Longo graciously bought for the Society a large number of unsold copies, rather than allowing them to be destroyed. Should we begin to dispose of these by distributing them freely at meetings, to applicants for the Bean Award, and others?
4. *T-shirts*: Heretofore, I've not tried to market the handsome T-shirts designed by Dr. Silverman for the 2001 meeting mainly because we have few medium and large ones, and a huge excess of extra-large ones. Night-shirts, anyone? One possibility would be to produce more T-shirts. However, our sales of inventoried items has not been especially robust over the past decade (see Table, page 6), and I hesitate to burden future Secretary-Treasurers with more bulky items!

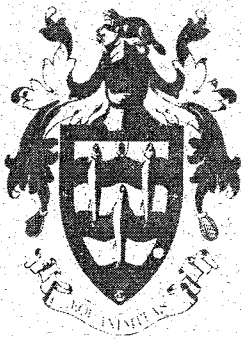
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Meeting Notes and Announcements

Third Annual Reading Seminar to Take Place on Tuesday, 23 April 2002

The third annual reading seminar will take place from 3 PM to 5 PM on the day prior to the annual meeting in the Provide. Each participant will be provided a copy of the readings to be read in advance and discussed at the seminar. Tentatively, the planned readings are: (1) "The Science of History-Taking and the Art of Listening" (Chapter 1 of Bernard Lown's *The Lost Art of Healing*); (2) "The Country Doctor," by Franz Kafka, and (3) *Musee des Beau Arts* by W. H. Auden. All persons attending the meeting are invited to participate, including spouses and friends. A medical background is *not* necessary (or even, Frank Neelon suggests, an advantage). The only restrictions are that we will need six participants and we cannot successfully accommodate more than thirty. **All persons wishing to attend should contact Frank Neelon (3543 Rose of Sharon Road, Durham, NC 27712; Telephone 919 383 7376; FAX 919 309 4695; e-mail neelon02@duke.edu) ASAP.**

Some Overall Learning Objectives for AOS Meeting, 24-25 April 2002

Organizations such as ours that grant continuing medical education (CME) credit for meeting attendance are required to announce in advance their formal learning objectives. Specific learning objectives submitted by each presenter will be distributed at the Kansas City meeting to each participant. Some overall learning objectives for the meeting, stated as competencies that should be obtained by participants, include the following:

1. Explain William Osler's contributions to humanism in medicine, and their continued relevance, with respect to the aging process, end-of-life issues, English literature, aphoristic phrases, and bibliophilia.
2. Discuss William Osler's contributions to medical education, and their continued relevance, with respect to the concept of professional community, the relationship of universities to teaching hospitals, the importance of clinical observation, and the tradition of bedside instruction.
3. Critique, from the perspective of today's knowledge, William Osler's understanding of pernicious anemia, arsenic, urolithiasis, and syphilis.

Edinburgh, 21-24 May 2003

Plans continue to progress nicely. Arrangements with the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh have been finalized. Officers and members of the Osler Club of London express their keen interest in participating, and we are still planning a short (4-day) post-meeting tour of Scotland.

2004—Texas, Anyone?

Expressed sentiment continues to favor Texas, probably Houston, as the site for the 2004 annual meeting. It was in the Lone Star State (Galveston, 1970) that our Society began to gel, Texans will be serving that year as president (Marvin Stone) and first vice-president (Chester Burns), and—perhaps most importantly—holding the meeting there would be a fitting tribute to John P. McGovern. Anyone desirous of a different site should communicate this to an officer or other member of the Board of Governors.