

Camp at Magnetawan, Ont.,
after July 1st

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Dear Osler Thank you for your nice letter. How the spiritual values in life do count. I feel as tho' I did not care what happened as long as I have the understanding & sympathy of my friends, and a few who like yourself are in touch with the situation. After 22 yrs. of hard service I don't want to be simply dropped on untrue charges. But even that does not worry me if a few understand. That is really the relation we ought as Christians to hold to God as a near friend, a Father, and the one who always understands perfectly and in whom in time all wrongs are righted.

Meyer is as clear as a bell on the moral issues involved & brings them up at our meetings, but the others only listen out of courtesy & Welch says he is "muddled".

The other ^{printed} report wh. got out to some of the Trustees was, a severe arraignment, frank to the last degree & personal, but untrue.

I fear the praise Flexner got for his rpt. on the Med. Schools made him overconfident in his own judgment.

There have been no meetings lately. I want to lay off a year & put Cullen in my place. He is a fine surgeon & an indefatigable worker. I cannot in justice to Cullen however do this if they insist on substituting Williams. My men and many of the young men feel that Wall is at the bottom of most of the

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trouble, but I can't see it. They all realize that Hurd & Abel are simply guided by principle. Welch they tie up as being led by the nose by Williams. Reusen is watching & not committed. I had a talk with Judge Harlan recently & he is splendid, and I am sure the trustees will take no hasty step without careful investigation. Dr. Hurd is impossible, irritable & petulant to the last degree. I went to him for a frank talk (did I write you about it?) & he was so angry he shook all the time. Two things were on his mind 1) my fee for attending Alex Brown's daughter 15 yrs. ago, 2) the fact that I gave Cullen my Sat. hour when he received his appointment as assoc. prof. without asking him. (Dr. Hurd.) I wd gladly have asked him.

but unfortunately, forgot it. This accounts
for all the obstructions of the years wh.
step by step have driven me to do
what I wanted to do in my private
hospital, also for the entire lack of
encouragement to the younger men.
He complains that Cullen puts all his
patients in the Church Home; but C,
only gets \$300. a yr. fr. the Hopkins &
has to live & if he puts patients in the
Hopkins then the room charges eat
up all they have & there is nothing
left to pay the surgeon.

Well, this is only causerie & not
complaining, we are really all very
serene (aequinitas?) and should
up to work all the harder. Are you
coming over this year. We shall go to
Camp July 1 as usual. I wish we
could get a glimpse of you & Mr. Oble
there. It is not a great place for
"high nobilities" but there is a warm
welcome & you might like it for a while.
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