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Prof. Osler's Visit.

As announced in our last issue, Prof. Wm. Osler visited Toronto to attend the celebration of his mother's 100th birthday, December 14th.

Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Reeve were "At Home" on the evening of December 15th, when a large number of the physicians of Toronto were invited to meet Dr. Osler. One of the interesting incidents of the evening was the meeting of two of Lord Lister's ex-house surgeons, Dr. John Stewart, of Halifax, and Dr. Fred. Grasett, of Toronto.

This calls to the writer's mind an occurrence at the British Medical Association banquet in Montreal in 1897. During the progress of the dinner an address was presented from the Dalhousie University, of Halifax, in which the faculty congratulated Lord Lister on his elevation to the peerage, and assured him of the high regard in which he was held by the medical profession, not only in Halifax, but throughout all Canada. Lord Lister, in replying, said he found it impossible to express his feelings at this additional token of regard from the medical profession. He confessed to being absolutely astounded at the repeated kindnesses shown him by his Canadian friends. He found on the address the name of one of his late house surgeons, Dr. John Stewart, of Halifax, and referred to him "as a man whom I not only admire, but may truly say reverence." While thus speaking, His Lordship was so much affected that words ceased to come readily, and speech soon failed entirely. (Dr. Stewart had expected to meet Lord Lister in Montreal, but had been prevented on account of the very severe illness of his brother.)

Dr. Osler was a very busy man during his visit to Toronto. It was singularly appropriate and very fortunate that he, one of Dr. Graham's oldest friends and a great physician, was here to unveil the portrait of one of Canada's greatest physicians. Dr. Osler left Toronto for Baltimore, December 19th, and expected to sail from New York, January 4th.