

and opened into this by a small jagged tear. "This is that extraordinary case of mycotic aneurism of the aorta rupturing into the oesophagus. She died suddenly without any warning at all. It is reported in the *International Clinics*. There is a beautiful coloured frontispiece of it done by old Mr. Raphael. Have you any other cases of mycotic aneurism to go along with this?—Oh that one, that's a new specimen, magnificent—whose is it—McCrae's I say McCrae," turning to Dr. John McCrae who stood among the little throng of chosen ones who were following him in his peregrinations through college and hospital, "you'll report this case, won't you? It will be one of the best cases in the literature." And John McCrae did report it.*

The same running commentary with dictated or scribbled notes upon the points of interest which attracted him, went on not only through the rest of that morning but through many subsequent visits, of hours' duration, which he paid both that summer and in January, 1905, when he was in Montreal sitting for his Harris' portrait, and again in July and August of 1905 when he was staying at Murray Bay on his second return visit to America, from Oxford.

His interest took the practical form, too, of raising, in the autumn of 1904, by means of a printed circular issued by himself to McGill graduates and their friends, funds for the publication of the first part of the catalogue, and himself revising every sheet of that portion of it then being prepared for the press, and finally in supervising, in the year 1914, the publication of the first volume by the Oxford University Press. More than forty letters written by him during the year 1904-1907 on these subjects have fortunately been preserved, and, with the notes inscribed by him on the manuscript of the catalogue, remain to attest these activities. Always short and to the point, overflowing with his lively and persistent interest in all that had once attracted his observation, and with the encouragement and the stimulating suggestions with which he invariably directed the energies of the younger generation to fresh sources of information and research, these letters form an eminently characteristic record. A short quotation here must suffice. "I see you have a specimen of calcification of the pericardium. It would be well to speak of it in the introduction. There is a very good article two or three years ago in the *Pathological Society's Transactions*." "I have read the Endocardium section with the greatest interest. Some-

* "A case of Mycotic Aneurism of the Aorta with Malignant Endocarditis," by John McCrae, M.D., M.R.C.P., *Journal of Pathology and Bacteriology*, 1905.