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Only some label of distinction based on the highest and finest idealism can do full justice to the loftiest works of men.

But it is also true that those who are filled with ideals of service for the human race are not necessarily craving for titles or other labels of distinction. Their true reward is the service itself, done for its own sake..... Men and women who have a zeal for public service do not require any such artificial incentive. Neither do great poets, novelists, artists or philosophers.....Dr Osler was a great surgeon, inspired not by hope of a title but by an intense desire to save life, relieve suffering and extend the bounds of medical knowledge. That is true idealism.

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