

tages in modern life of a return to this ancient usage, and the plot hinges on the admirable scheme of a college into which at sixty, men retired for a year of contemplation before a peaceful departure by chloroform.

"As it can be maintained that all the great advances have come from men under forty, so the history of the world shows that a very large proportion of the evils may be traced to the sexagenarians, nearly all the great mistakes, politically and socially, all of the worst poems, most of the bad pictures, a majority of the bad novels, not a few of the bad sermons and speeches."

Subsequently, Dr. Osler remarked as follows:

"Nothing in the criticism has shaken my conviction that the telling work of the world has been done, and is done, by men under forty years of age. The exceptions which have been given only illustrate the rule.

"It would be for the general good if men at sixty were relieved from active work. We would miss the energies of some younger-old men, but on the whole it would be of greatest service to the sexagenarians themselves.

"I said that man's best work was done before forty, and at sixty he should retire."

"No man ought to think of writing a book until he is forty. Up to that time he should be engaged upon other and more important things, creating what he intends to write about. That's the way it was with me. I was too busy at forty to write."

"Take Darwin as an instance. His greatest work was done when he was a young man exploring South America."

II.—OPINIONS REGARDING DR. OSLER'S VIEWS.

The *London Globe* remarks that "Dr. Osler's views are disproved by the patent fact that a very large proportion of the men who are doing the best work in the world to-day are over sixty years of age."

The *St. James' Gazette* says: "We know several men over sixty who will refuse to discuss it, yet five years offer such an opportunity for argument that Dr. Osler may be able in 1910 to die a martyr to his own cause."

President James B. Angell, of the University of Michigan, does not subscribe to the statement that men lose their usefulness when they reach the age of sixty years.

Dr. Henry M. Hurd, President of Johns Hopkins University, says:

"It was natural that in making an excuse for leaving Johns Hopkins and going to Oxford he should say that he felt that