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### RESEARCH AND PROGRESS IN MEDICINE

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Some months ago I was called upon to deliver at the College of Physicians the annual oration in honor of the great Harvey, and I chose for my subject the "Need of Research in Medicine," stimulated by a consideration of the valuable work done by that great man nearly 300 years ago, of the obvious profundity of our ignorance even at the present day, and of the desire on the part of some of our lay friends to restrict us in our endeavors to enlarge our knowledge of nature and disease. Nothing can be more stimulating to him who is ever anxious to know more of the basis upon which the science and art of medicine is founded than to read the life and works of Harvey. He demonstrated, as is well known, that the blood not only moved in the vessels, but that it circulated, moved in a circle, or circles, from the heart to the periphery, and back to the heart; from the heart again to the lungs, and back again. But that was not the whole of his work; and one can see in his treatise on the "Generation of Animals" how