

tics because "he had none that he would not be ashamed to produce." The following is an example of some of the unpleasant things insinuated: "The publication of isolated cases, however good, proves nothing, whereas the withholding of the whole suggests much." These were the words of Mr. Bryant, of London, and were endorsed by Mr. Savory (afterwards Sir William Savory) who quoted them with approbation in his address on surgery, British Medical Association, meeting at Cork in August, 1878.

While referring to such adverse criticisms, we will quote the following as an example of a very friendly opinion concerning Lister and his methods, from the address of Mr. John Wood, F.R.S., during the discussion of Sir William MacCormac's paper on antiseptic surgery before the South London Division of the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the British Medical Association, December, 1879: "While thus defining the limits of my agreement with my esteemed colleague, Professor Lister, I must take this opportunity of congratulating him sincerely upon the possession of those advantages which have made him so powerful an advocate of antiseptic surgery, and will give him so high a niche in the temple of fame; upon the professional position, which has given him the authority; upon the gifts of fortune which gave him the means; upon the gifts of nature, which gave him, in happy combination,

The patient thought, the steadfast will,
Resolve and foresight, strength and skill,

which he has laid upon the altar of suffering humanity." *

Lister continued to work with earnestness and zeal, and gradually, but surely, gained ground until he finally triumphed to such an extent that he practically overcame all opposition. His uniform kindness, and courtesy towards his opponents, did much to secure this happy condition of things. He was able to simplify his appliances in a few years, especially when, in 1885 or 1886, he decided to disregard the influence of atmospheric dust on open wounds, and discarded his spray apparatus. His improvements in these respects did much to popularize his methods in various parts of the world.

LORD LISTER IN PROFESSIONAL AND PRIVATE LIFE.

Lord Lister is one of our best specimens of the modern, cultured scientific surgeon. Since boyhood he has been diligently searching after truth, and helping others in the same direction. Thoughtful physicians and surgeons, obstetricians, general practitioners, and specialists in all civilized countries have learned something—generally much—from this great and good man. Never in the history of the

*MacCormac, *Antiseptic Surgery*, page 77.