

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

OSLER MEMORIAL ADDRESS.

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WE are met here to-day in loving memory of a dear friend and a great fellow-countryman; one who was known and honoured wherever the English language is spoken, and in many lands of foreign tongue. At a score of centres in the British Empire and in the United States similar memorial services are being held—a spontaneous tribute of affection and admiration.

Sir William Osler was one of the world's greatest physicians and teachers; but he was more. He was a lover of mankind, a giant amongst his fellows, an idealist for whom the "Idea of the Good" was supreme. His personality made an impression upon his own generation and upon the younger generation that came under his teaching, such as no mere professional skill, however great, could have done.

The esteem in which he was held and the wide circle of his influence are shown in some measure, though far from adequately, by the academic degrees and other distinctions which were conferred on him with a prodigality indicative of the abounding enthusiasm created everywhere by the charm of his personality, the depth of his learning, and the greatness of his achievements. His earliest alma mater, the University of Trinity College, Toronto, and the University of Durham, England, conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Civil Law. The degree of Doctor of Laws he received from the Universities of Toronto, McGill, Aberdeen, Edinburgh, John Hopkins, Yale, and Harvard. The Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Dublin, Liverpool, and Leeds conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Science; and he was fittingly honoured also by the Academy of Medicine, Paris, the University of Christiania, Norway. With unrivalled distinction, he occupied four Professional Chairs, having been successively Professor of the Institutes of Medicine in McGill University; Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania; Professor of Medicine in Johns Hopkins University; and Regius Professor of Medicine in the University of Oxford. In 1911 he was created a Baronet of the United Kingdom.

Sir William Osler was born at Bond Head, Ontario, in 1849. His mother was a woman of extraordinary sweetness and strength of character, who left a home of refinement in the Old Land, and came to Canada at a time when the ocean crossing took over seven weeks, and the journey from Quebec to Bond Head occupied several days. His father