

and we need a modern style of home for our valuable collection of books. The Academy has now a membership of about 320, and a lesser number, namely, three hundred, only were chosen by Gideon for his great task, and three hundred under Leonidas held the pass at Thermopylae. For such accommodation we must bend our energies; but, as Lowell tells us,

Be men with Empires in your purpose
And new eras in your brains.

I feel I can count on the cordial support of every member of this section, in whatever efforts may be put forth to make our meetings successful. You are all equal here, and you are all as welcome as you are equal. You can contribute papers; you can exhibit cases; you can take part in the discussions, or you can aid those who do these things by being present. It is sometimes well to remember the words of Carlyle, the Sage of Chelsea, that speech may only be silver, while silence is golden. Your presence is indeed of the greatest value.

As the to-morrows become to-day and pass into the yester-days, let it be the desire of all of us that our Academy should fill an ever enlarging place in our thoughts. In the founding of our Academy we could well say with Ovid, *Felix faustumque sit*, happy and auspicious let it be. So, as time goes on, may we be able to look back and say of it, as Horace did of his beloved Mantua,

Ill terrarum mihi praeter omnes
Augulus Sidet.

For me that corner of the earth smiles more sweetly than all others.

Truly medicine has done more for man than any other branch of natural science. In the pursuit of our calling it behooves us never to forget that we are something very much higher than mere earners of a living. Mankind has ever been our debtor, for we have been lavish in our gifts. This should be our aim in the future. In the words of Holofernes, in *Love's Labour's Lost*, "These are begot in the ventricle of memory, nourished in the womb of *pia mater*, and delivered upon the mellowing of occasion." We are ever in search of the hidden