

free by a principle of self-selection, to attain the most coveted post of distinction and honor. He pointed out not only to us but to all men how fine and noble the profession of medicine is for those in it who are fine and noble.

He ornamented his discourse with quaint allusions to Holy Writ and "The Pilgrim's Progress," but did not in those days say much about Montaigne and the Religio Medici, and rarely alluded to Plato or Marcus Aurelius. Nevertheless, he helped some of us to do a little thinking.

At length, after the fashion of the nautilus, he builded a more stately mansion, and left us. We would have fain kept him. But that could not be. Without him the Department of Clinical Medicine at Johns Hopkins, mother of many teachers, might have been childless.

The Old World has given to the New many and great physicians. But these gifts have been returned not so much in number as in kind. The father of Brown-Séquard was a Philadelphian. Marion Sims passed many years, and did much of his best work in London and Paris, and now to the list is added another imperishable name.

I asked a bit ago who ever heard of anyone leaving Boston. There is one famous case—a Boston boy who became the greatest American. There are points of resemblance between that great philosopher and this great physician. In both are manifest vigor of body and intellect, untiring energy, unflagging interest in things and men, manysided knowledge with the wisdom to use it, that quality known as personal magnetism and the gifts of leadership. Philadelphia is fortunate to have been the home of Franklin and the abiding-place of Osler.

There are many things I could say of Dr. Osler, were he not here, that I will not say in his presence. What we leave unsaid he must take for granted. When we are deeply moved we do not say the thing that is next our heart. We take refuge in commonplaces, in persiflage. It is an Anglo-Saxon—an American—trait. I speak not as a Philadelphian but as an American, when I say that it is a good thing for us that he came among us. Not only by precept but also by example has he been an uplifting influence in our professional life. How far-reaching that influence is this company attests. There are men here who have crossed a continent to break bread with him to-night. The source of that influence is to be sought not merely in his accomplishments as a physician, not in his learning, not in his wisdom, nor even in his well-balanced and buoyant temperament, but in that basic principle which all recognize but none can define, which for want of a descriptive name we call character. It is character that tells, and to character all things are added.

Now that he is going away we note that he has a trait that so