

judge. These things I hint at, but do not dwell upon. They are there, however, and their presence makes us better surgeons, and I trust better men.

More than 500 years ago Guy de Chauliac, the greatest of the surgeons of the Arabic period, wrote these words: "Knowledge is created by additions; the same man cannot lay the foundation and perfect the superstructure. We are as children carried on the neck of a giant: aided by the labors of our predecessors we see all that they have seen and something beyond." These words might have been my text. The burden of my theme has been to hold fast and care well for the old truths: in our love for the new science not to forget the old art. For in autumn the leaves fade and fall first from the youngest branches: they linger longest green on the old wood. Let us graft our new truths on the old stock; so will they live longest and flourish most.—*J. Greig Smith, M. D., in British Medical Journal, August 4, 1894.*