

perhaps, by his *Practical Handbook of Physiological Chemistry* which passed through many editions.

Hoppe-Seyler's laboratory was the resort of students from all lands, and many of these are famous in the department which their master may be said to have established, while still more have made use of the knowledge and investigating power acquired under his guidance to advance the cause of scientific medicine in ways too numerous to attempt to detail.

Probably no man ever came under the influence of this remarkable teacher who was not greatly impressed by him, alike as a scientist and as a man.

The writer spent in his beautiful new laboratory, within a few feet of the great Strasburg fortification wall, a winter which proved one of the most pleasant and profitable of his life, for which he has to thank the genial assistants in this and other laboratories, among them Dr. Thierfelder, now in charge of physiological chemistry in the Physiological Institute at Berlin, but most of all the veteran teacher and investigator who was ever the soul of the place.

When one comes to consider how difficult it is to adapt chemical methods to the needs of the medical student and the general practitioner, one wonders at Hoppe-Seyler's success in this direction as evidenced in his Handbook.

It was his custom to visit the laboratory, in which his pupils worked, at least twice a day. He gave personal attention to every student, and while there were in my time two assistants to whom we might refer, the professor did not relegate even the most elementary workers to the assistants. The veteran teacher approached each man with a bright face, and his inquiry often took the form of "Nun?" This we all understood to be the signal for a recital of the details we had been endeavouring to carry out.

Though he understood and read English, he rarely attempted to speak in that language, but the writer has never heard any German use his mother tongue in a way so easy for a foreigner to understand.

The professor was a man of method and even, when no longer young, of apparently boundless energy. His knowledge of the literature of his own subject was complete, and his criticisms were pointed and just. These qualities, with an enthusiasm, singleness of purpose and unrelaxing persistence, associated with good natural mental endowments, go far to explain the enormous amount of successful work accomplished throughout a long life, and which old age did not seem to diminish, for he was a teacher and investigator to the last. He was the originator and the editor for the now twenty years of its