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Sir William Osler.

Sir William Osler was probably the greatest native son that Canada has so far produced. To his professional skill he added a catholicity of knowledge, a depth of insight, a power of sympathy, a genius for friendship, and a youthfulness of spirit that made up a striking and magnetic personality. That personality stands out with wonderful clearness in the two volumes of some 700 pages each, in which Dr. Harvey Cushing, the American surgeon, has embodied his "Sir William Osler" (Clarendon Press, Oxford, 37s. 6d.; there being also an India paper one volume edition at £5 5s.). The book is appropriately dedicated: "To Medical Students, in the hope that something of Osler's spirit may be conveyed to those of a generation that has not known him; and particularly to those in America, lest it be forgotten who it was that made it possible for them to work at the bedside in the wards."

The pages of the biography are packed with material largely furnished by Osler himself in letters, published writings, and public addresses. This Dr. Cushing has co-ordinated with skill and insight. He modestly disclaims anything more than an attempt to present his subject's rare personality, spirit, and character, without appraising his professional accomplishments. "Here," he says, "are merely the outlines for the final portrait, to be painted out when the colours, lights, and shadows come in time to be added." Until that final portrait ultimately comes to be painted, Dr. Cushing's "Life" of this beloved physician, great teacher, and lover of children and books will hold the field. Osler's hosts of friends and disciples on both sides of the Atlantic will be grateful to him for what he has given them.

French-Canadian Folk Songs.