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From L. C. Lane to W.O.

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Prof. Wm. Osler, M.D.

Dear Doctor,

Thanks for your two addresses: Oliver Wendell Holmes and The Leaven of Science. I have read them with unusual pleasure.

Pliny in Panegyricus Trojano dictus says: Arcus enim et statuas aras etiam templaque demolitur et obscurat oblivio, negligit carpitque posteritas: your eulogy of Shippen, Wistar and Leidy is an exception to what prevails as much in our times as in the days of Pliny Junior. The young hasten to bury and forget the dead. Fortunately one occasionally hears words such as yours which are a rebuke to such a spirit; and in such words, still to quote from Pliny - sunt honores in quos nihil flammis, nihil senectuti nihil successeribus licet: vera gloria sempiterna est.

Again thanking you for your remembrance,
I remain,
Very truly yours,

L. C. LANE.