

he always seemed ready with a helping, advising, and encouraging hand. Youth - I know - is extravagant in opinions but generally from an excess of keenness. Sir William realized this and knew that nothing takes the heart and stuffing out of a man more than a snub. Is it to be wondered that all loved and worshipped him? When I think what his influence is upon John [Fulton], myself, and others who never actually knew him, I realize what a strength of inspiration he must have been to those who came in contact with him. I shall always believe that the example of a life well lived is the greatest immortality a man can have, and in preserving the atmosphere of 13 Norham Gardens you have been carrying on his good work. Few, if any, can realize how brave you have been, but we can love you and be grateful to you.

And the result of it all is that I'm as happy as a sandboy this term, and I'm sure I feel quite as young as my boys. This is a tremendously jolly term with cricket and bathing and we've been revelling in all the sunshine. But it's very strenuous for masters and I have little difficulty in wooing Morpheus when I retire.

With much love, always affectionately,

ARNOLD [MUIRHEAD].

Cherwell Lodge, Oxford,
May 11, 1925.

My dear Lady Osler:

I am extremely grateful to you for your very kind and welcome present. I intended purchasing a copy of "Sir William Osler", but I need hardly say that coming as a present from you its value to me is very greatly enhanced.

The book appeals to me with all its wealth of detail, so carefully compiled, as a most interesting and valuable record of the life of by far the greatest and most helpful man with whom I have ever been brought in contact. To my mind the most striking examples of Sir William's work amongst us here are the greatly enhanced standard of Medicine in Oxford which his influence brought about, and the far better and more friendly relationship between the local medical men which his great tact and always ready help achieved.

I notice in the preface that a final portrait is foreshadowed, painted with a broader brush and giving a more impressionist effect; I am sure that a volume of such a kind would be most welcome, for there are many aspects of Sir William's personality which would be more clearly revealed in this way. In this direction the brush and most vivid note is, I think, struck by Professor Gulland, quoted on page ix of the Foreword to "A Physician's Anthology".

The many and touching allusions to Izaak Walton Jr., call to my mind several past angling excursions with most heartfelt regrets at the loss of one who would have proved such an adornment to both the literary and the practical side of the Piscatorial Art.

By the way, Izaak Walton senior, in his description of Dr. Donne's character appears to me to have depicted unconsciously a most accurate character sketch of Sir William: - "He was of Stature moderately tall, of a strait and equally proportioned Body to which all his words and Actions gave inexpressible addition of Comeliness. The melancholy and pleasant humours were in him so counterpoised, that each gave advantage to the other, and made his Company one of the delights of Mankind. His Fancy was inimitably high, Equalled only by his great Wit, both being made useful by a commanding judgement. His Aspect was cheerful, and such as gave a silent Testimony of a Conscience at Peace with itself. His melting eye shewed that he had a soft heart, full of noble compassion, of too brave a soul to offer injuries, and too much of a Christian not to pardon them in others. He was, by Nature . . . so humane, and so tender a spirit, that he never beheld the Miseries of Man without Pity and Relief."

With very many thanks,

Yours most gratefully,

WM. TURRELL.
