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Editorial.

DR. WILLIAM OSLER.

We are pleased to see in our American exchanges prominent notice given to the removal of Dr. Osler from Montreal to Philadelphia.

Dr. Osler was duly elected to the Chair of Clinical Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania, on the 7th of October, and commenced work in his new field, Oct. 13th.

On the evening of October 9th he was entertained at a complimentary dinner, given by the Medical Profession of Montreal, in the Windsor Hotel, at which there was a large attendance. Dr. R. P. Howard acted as chairman, and Dr. T. A. Rodger occupied the vice-chair.

Dr. Howard, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Our Guest," referred to Dr. Osler's very successful career in Montreal, and his deserved popularity throughout Canada, while he regretted his departure, but assured him he would carry with him the best wishes of his numerous friends for his success and happiness in his new sphere.

Dr. Osler expressed his deep regrets that circumstances had arisen which caused his removal from Montreal. He referred particularly to three friends who had exercised a great influence for good in his life, viz., the Rev. W. A. Johnson, formerly of Trinity School, Port Hope, Dr. Bovell, of the Toronto School of Medicine; and Dr. Howard, of McGill College, Montreal. He had been teaching ten years in McGill, and during that time had devoted himself especially to the scientific aspect of the profession. His intercourse with his professional brethren had always been of the most pleasant character, and his residence among them would always be remembered by him with pleasure.

Dr. Osler takes the place of Dr. Pepper, who was lately transferred to the Chair of Practice of Medicine, and, in addition to Pepper, his colleagues will include the well-known names of Penrose, Agnew, Goodell, Tyson, Horatio C. Wood, Ashurst, and Duhring. The Medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, which is now 119 years old, is second to no medical teaching institution on the Continent, and we sincerely congratulate Dr. Osler in his connection with such a school. At the same we join heartily with his medical friends, who include the great body of the profession in the Dominion, in wishing him the highest success and the greatest happiness during his stay in the fine old city of Philadelphia.

It is a commendable sign of the times that on this continent men of ability and industry in scientific pursuits are being called to fill positions in Universities at a distance: that neither geographical nor political boundaries prevent their interchange. This spirit will, in our opinion, act beneficially in many ways. The colleges will thus secure the best men possible, and young men will be encouraged to a greater extent to make the study of scientific medicine their principal aim and object in life.

*Ch. Albert Army Hares account of W.C.'s entry to Phila. Med. Gaz, 1870*

*Alfred Stillé had offered his resignation in 1879 but had been persuaded to hold on for 5 yrs. In 1884 it became known that William Pepper would succeed him and a levy was made on the alumni for Pepper's place as Prof. of Clin. Med. New chief candidate etc.*