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After this address had been delivered Alfred Stillé wrote him as follows -

From Alfred Stillé to W.O.

3900 Spruce Street,
July 13, 1894.

Dear Doctor Osler,

Yesterday I received a copy of your Address at the Wistar Institute, and I desire to say how much pleasure I felt in reading it. It is thoughtful, wise, and conceived in an elevated spirit refreshingly unlike too many addresses delivered on similar occasions.

In looking back over my professional life I think that the best teachers were those who were most successful in raising students out of the pit of short-sighted utilitarianism, and helping them to stand upon hill-tops that commanded a survey not only of the present but of the past and the probable future. For such teaching to be profitable students must enter upon their professional studies with a clear understanding that the medicine of to-day is the child of the past and the father of that which shall be hereafter; and it seems to me that such is the spirit of your own thoughts.

Yours, very sincerely,
ALFRED STILLÉ.

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