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re copies of Dr. Osler's Address*

(Wm. Hand Browne to W.O.)

Rider P.O. Dec. 31. 1900.

Dear Dr. Osler:

I have to thank you for your highly interesting Address on "Locke as a Physician".

I have also been strongly attracted by the character of Locke; but while knowing of course, that he was a physician, and that it was through his profession that he was brought into connection with Shaftesbury, I had no knowledge of the particulars.

If he had continued in the practice, I believe he would have become a great physician: his clear judgement, his power of original thought, and his singular freedom from prejudice, independence of antiquated tradition, and openness to knowledge from all sources, could not have failed to carry him high.

I will go, further, and say that I believe he would have done more for mankind as a physician, than he did as a speculative philosopher, though I do not under value his merits in the latter capacity.

Very faithfully yours,

Wm Hand Browne.

W. Osler, M.D., &c.