

WALT WHITMAN,

Sir William Osler writes to "The Times" on Walt Whitman:

As his physician for several years it was my privilege to know the good grey poet. One day, sitting at the open window of his little house, there passes a group of workmen, whom he greeted in his usual friendly way, and then said, "Ah; the glory of the day's work, whether with hand or brain." Possessed in rare degree of the Greek combination of the love of humanity with the love of a craft - philanthropia and philotechnia - he tried -

To exalt the present and the real,

To teach the average man the glory of his daily work or trade,

And this, as I read it, was his message.

*Person's stimulation by letter just rec^d from Louis Malcher about W.W. and
Franklin's life.*