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CARDINAL GIBBONS SCORES DR. OSLER

Takes Exception to Scientist's Allusion to Saints in Clinic Speech

Oxford Professor Had Referred Slightly to Followers of the Shrine

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

BALTIMORE, April 19.—When part of the speech of Sir William E. Osler at the dedicatory exercises of the Phipps Psychiatric clinic at the Johns Hopkins hospital was read to Cardinal Gibbons, the prelate, exclaimed:

"I am shocked."

Sir William, who is professor of medicine in Oxford university, said in part:

"Ninety-nine per cent of our fellow creatures, when in trouble, sorrow or sickness, trust to charms, incantations and to the saints. Many a shrine has more followers than Pasteur; many a saint more believers than Lister."

"Scientists in any line sometimes make statements such as Doctor Osler," said the cardinal, "and only a short time ago I had to defend some truths that Thomas A. Edison attacked."

"These scientific specialists think their statements should go unchallenged, but this one by Doctor Osler shall not and I shall write to him asking him to retract it."

"I am surprised that he should make such attacks in this age."

"What do the things that Doctor Osler preaches stand for anyhow? Fifty years hence all his teachings may be overthrown by new discoveries. His whole doctrine is based on theory."

"Fifty years ago the scientists of that day imagined they knew all that was to be known of medicine, yet today their conclusions are overthrown by later discoveries."

"The Catholic church is not founded on theory, and, whereas the whole world is informed of its doctrines, the conclusions of Doctor Osler are known to comparatively few. The world at present is alarmed by the condition of the head of the church, and changes in his health are of great interest—more, perhaps, than that of any scientist whom we now know."