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Sir William Osler, Bart, etc.,

Oxford, England.

Sir William:

Yesterday some one asked me in view of my probable departure for the battle front, "What do you purpose doing in Europe, aside from your duties as surgeon for the Red Cross?"

"Well", I replied, "since Macaulay is dead, I believe I would rather run over to Oxford and shake hands with Osler than do anything else that I now think of".

And this leads me to offer my warmest thanks for your splendid work on "Practice", which possesses a charm all its own, and reads a good deal like Macaulay's essay on Lord Clive, so far as exquisite literary charm is concerned. That book is so full of the very heart-beat of life itself!

From present indications, I may be at the front before a great while, where I feel that I ought to go after the noble struggle of our heroic Allies to save human liberty and free government.

I inclose a reprint which I hope you may find of some slight interest.

Again thanking you for the rich treasures to be found within your invaluable volume,

I am, with best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

