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CUSHING'S "OSLER."

*The Life of Sir William Osler,*¹ by Professor Harvey Cushing, has appeared; a review copy reached us on Monday. It is a rather big book in two volumes, making together 1,438 pages. A preliminary glance shows that it is a biography in which the subject is allowed to tell his own story as far as possible by letters and those informal notes and postcards which Osler showered about him, to the great joy of recipients. It is well illustrated, and one observation that springs to the eye is how little Osler changed in physical appearance from the time when he was a professor at McGill University, Montreal, in 1878, to the time when he was Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford. We are given a photograph of him, taken there early in 1915, standing in characteristic attitude with his arm linked in his son's, that only son—"a son after my own heart"—whose death on active service some two years later cast so deep a shadow on the two years more William Osler himself was to live. The book is in three parts; the Canadian period (1849-1884) and the period of the United States (1884-1905) fill the first volume; the second is concerned entirely with the Oxford period (1905-1919). We intend to publish a review in an early issue.