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III. CHARACTERISTICS.

(Extract from letter of Sir George Savage)

By my fireside ^{Osler} he was quite another man, deeply interested in the various members of my family, and never forgetting their names and their occupations. It was most refreshing to find the almost parental interest which he took in my children and my grandchildren. He never posed, but over the fire, with his cigarette, any medical question or any specially difficult mental or moral problem associated with insanity always awoke his interest, and from him one got profound and simple advice.

Memory.

One of the most marked characteristics of Osler was his personal memory: he seemed to be able to recognize anyone whom he had met in any part of the world at any time, and to at once put himself back to the last place of their meeting. I have seen him, at a meeting in a Congress, or other place where there were a large number of men from various parts of the world, go up at once and address a man by name and ask immediately about either some fact that was common knowledge to both, or about some intimate friends.