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PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF SIR WILLIAM OSLER.—An article in a recent issue of the *Medical Press* mentions the tributes paid to the personal characteristics of the late Sir William Osler, and in particular, to his love of books, at the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Bibliographical Society, of which he was the president during the last seven years of his life. The following extract is of interest:

Sir William Osler had remarked, on the celebration of his 70th birthday, in July last, that the love of his life had been divided equally between books and men. Of his eminence in his profession, of his great powers of intellect, his organizing capacity, and his immeasurable friendliness and kindness, a great deal had been said by the Press; but mention of his purely literary side had been singularly lacking. As the president of that society for more than double the period which had been allowed to any of his predecessors, he had carried on its life with a generosity and a contribution of his own energy of which one could not say too much. He was one of the mainstays of the Bodleian, and a constant friend to it; that library was his admiration and delight, and whenever there was an adequate opportunity of obtaining some treasure for it he gave help not only from his purse but by writing to the Press and arousing interest. Three high principles in particular Sir William Osler set before himself: one was to carry out the golden rule by acting towards his patients and all men as he would they should do to him; another was to acquire equanimity alike in success and in failure; and a third was to do the present day's work well, not caring too much about the future. Sir William had a wonderful way of appearing to place his time at the disposal of those to whom he came, and he accompanied that behaviour with looks and words of rare compassion to those who were in ill ease, of true encouragement to those who were striving with difficulties, and with most real sympathy to those who were in doubt or trouble. Surely such conduct was near akin to the Divine. His great powers were always associated with the truest kindness, and the whole of his life was given to the welfare and betterment of his fellows."

HONOR FOR DR. E. V. MCCOLLUM.—Dr. E. V. McCollum has been made corresponding member of the Académie Royale de Médecine de Belgique. Dr. McCollum is the professor of chemical hygiene of the School of Hygiene and Public Health, Johns Hopkins University.

APPOINTMENT OF DR. H. D. THOMASON.—Dr. H. D. Thomason, recently retired as Colonel in the Medical Corps of the Army, has assumed