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It was my great pleasure to make the acquaintance of Dr. Osler soon after he came to Philadelphia. He lived for several months at the Aldine Hotel, and his table in the dining room was near enough to my own for us to converse easily. At that time I was also a Professor in the University of Pennsylvania in the Department of Economy and Finance. Soon after Dr. Osler began his instruction, a current of comparative criticism among the medical students, started from his lectures and those of the Provost, Dr. Pepper, who not long before had succeeded Dr. Stille as professor of the theory and practice of medicine. Dr. Osler's lectures of course were illuminated with all the latest ideas and theories in the entire medical world, while those of Dr. Pepper were hastily prepared, for he was in those days one of the most active men in the city. Besides a very large medical practice, he was keenly interested in every department of the University, and in adding to its resources. But he had not the mental habit to explore any subject in a thorough manner. As time passed the criticism of his instruction became more general and open. It reached Dr. Pepper's ears. Though possessing many fine qualities, Dr. Pepper was not free from jealousy, and did not look with a kindly eye on any one in the University who drew attention away from himself. He endured the criticism of the medical students for awhile, at last he told Dr. Osler that he could endure it no longer, and that one of them must get out. Dr. Osler promptly replied that he would retire. The students felt peculiarly hurt, for they knew the course of Dr. Osler's retirement, and that in sacrificing the wrong man both he and they were sufferers. The doctors throughout the city felt the same way, that one of rare talents and of unusual honor had been sacrificed to save, if possible the reputatuon of another much inferior to himself. The things I

have stated were know by many; they were also told to me by Dr. Allen, professor of physiology in the medical department, a colleague of Dr. Osler and a close friend of mine.