

The Fixed Period

Efforts were in vain to get W. O. to refute his statement and there are two or three allusions to it. Once he gave an interview in Baltimore, which is among his papers in my Baltimore scrap-book entitled: "Osler Sticks to it", Baltimore Sun, Feb. 27. Again, at the time of his mother's 100th birthday, Dec. 4, 1906, he denied that he had ever advanced the chloroformic 60th period.

Most important is the preface to the second edition of his Aequanimitas, written in July, 1906, in which he makes an allusion to the fixed period. The first edition of the Aequanimitas and other essays contains no preface.

After a long period. He showed great restraint in his failure to reply. Written in his hand copy of the Ms. of the address which he ^{left in his will to the Surgeon General John} ~~left in his will to the Surgeon General John~~ ^{bequeathed}

There is written this ~~note~~ ^{qualification} which he must have found later on

"No man adds much to his stock of knowledge or improves much after forty" Dr. Johnson.

With W. O.'s interpretation he probably felt both ends as he died Feb 22 1905

Cf. the Preface to the 2nd Ed. of Aequanimitas for W. O.'s reference to it
written a year later Aug. 1906 filed