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PROUD DAY FOR DOCTORS

Many Famous Men At Dedication Of Medical Faculty Building.

ALL PAY TRIBUTE TO DR. OSLER

Cardinal Gibbons Delivers Invocation And Dr. S. Weir Mitchell Makes Address.

Pushing Maryland To The Fore.

The new \$90,000 building of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland was dedicated yesterday with elaborate ceremonies.

Cardinal Gibbons pronounced the invocation; the famous physician, litterateur and poet, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, of Philadelphia, delivered the dedicatory address, and representatives of well-known medical institutions in the East offered felicitations.

Osler Hall, named for Dr. William Osler, was dedicated in an address by Dr. William H. Welch. At night Dr. Osler delivered the dedicatory oration.

A tea was given by the ladies in the afternoon, and a public reception followed the night exercises.

Pronounced by all to be the greatest day in the history of medicine in Maryland, yesterday saw the dedication of the new \$90,000 building of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of the State in a series of exercises participated in by some of the most famous physicians in the country.

Baltimore, under the fostering care of its schools and hospitals, has many famous medical men. They were nearly all present.

At 11 o'clock the line of distinguished men began to form on the platform. Cardinal Gibbons, clad in the scarlet robes of his office, was warmly greeted, as were Dr. William Osler, regius professor of medicine at Oxford; Dr. William H. Welch, ex-Governor Warfield and Mayor Mahool. Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, commanding the Department of the East, who is a doctor and who was instrumental in cleansing both the Philippines and Cuba, sat beside ex-Governor Warfield during the exercises. He attended as a friend of Dr. Henry Cabot, of Boston, and few knew of his presence.

The Cardinal's Invocation.

Dr. Goldsborough opened the ceremonies by introducing the Cardinal, who said:

"We are assembled in Thy name, O Father of Mercies and God of all Consolation. When Thou didst appear in the flesh on earth. Thy days were spent in going about and doing good, in healing the sick, in giving sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf and speech to the dumb and the power of walking to the lame, in strengthening the paralyzed limb, in cleansing the leper and raising the dead to life.

"Inspire, O Lord, with tender compassion those whose mission it will be to walk in Thy footsteps, in healing the sick and comforting the afflicted. Give them the grace to cheer and brighten the homes which they will enter, so that they may, like Thee, gladden the heart while they minister to the disease of the suffering member.

"O Thou who art the source of all wisdom, who art called 'the God of Sciences,'

mention particularly Dr. Daniel C. Gilman."

He spoke feelingly of Dr. William H. Welch.

"Some mention was made this morning," he said, "of my mantle falling on Dr. Welch's shoulders. It should rather have been that we always nestled under his mantle.

"No better men ever served the State," he then said, "than Drs. Frank Donaldson, Christopher Johnson, T. Alan P. Smith, George Miltenberger, Henry Wilson, John Van Bibber, Aaron Friedenwald, Francis T. Miles and A. B. Arnold."

Turning again from these who "have gone before," he spoke of others who lately have died.

"Brune, Chatard, Atkinson, George Preston and "Ridge" Trimble—how glad they would have been to see this day!" he said.

An Unusual Honor.

Turning to the subject of the dedication of Osler Hall, he said it was not often that a man was called to participate in the dedication of a hall to himself.

"But my heart," he said, "in trying to extend thanks for all the kindnesses which you have shown me, is like parchment—so often has it been used that the writing seems hardly legible. Years ago, in the early sixties, when I was a boy in a Canadian village, I can remember marching through the streets singing 'Maryland, My Maryland,' and I did not know where the State was. Later this State was to be indelibly associated with my career.

"I can imagine two librarian assistants in 2009 assorting a pile of second-hand books and asking each other what to do with a lot of rubbish written by a man named Osler. And they will ask each other where Osler came from and one will say: 'I think he lived in Baltimore—they've some sort of hall down there named after him.'"

Dr. Osler, in conclusion, sketched the use of the medical library and announced that he had managed to procure at Rome an original edition of "Vesallus on Anatomy," which he intended presenting to the library. This was greeted with applause. He counseled also that efforts be made to encourage the giving of valuable old manuscripts and books to the library, where the fire-proof precautions would insure safety.

Many Attend Reception.

About 400 persons attended the reception and tea given by the ladies' committee in the new building between 5 and 6 o'clock. Each visitor was shown over the building. Refreshments were served.

Today the House of Delegates will meet at 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.; scientific papers, the reading of which began yesterday afternoon by Dr. Simon Flexner and Dr. Cushing, will continue during the day, and at 7.30 at night the annual dinner will take place. Speeches will be delivered by Governor Crothers, Mr. Charles J. Bonaparte, Dr. Osler, Dr. Charles O'Donovan and others.

Officers will be elected and a trip Sabillasville will be taken Saturday.

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"O Thou who art the source of all wisdom, who art called 'the God of Sciences,' enlighten the minds of Thy servants with a ray of Thy countenance. May they drink deep at the foundation of knowledge, so that they may imitate Thee as far as human frailty can imitate Divine Power, in dispelling diseases, in alleviating pain and in converting the chamber of mourning and suffering to a chamber of joy and thanksgiving."

Dr. Edward N. Brush, chairman of the building committee of the faculty, then formally turned the building over to President Goldsborough, remarking incidentally that he also gave it to the people of Baltimore and the State.

Dr. Mitchell Strikes Keynote.

The keynote of the celebration was deeply struck, and continued to reverberate in the speeches of others, by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, of Philadelphia, when he delivered the dedicatory address.

A trifle stooped with age, but his eyes so keen as to scorn glasses, the aged philosopher and physician read an address which ran the gamut from poetry to the serious discussion of the discovery of the proper reading of the pulse. He recalled that it was in 1877 that he first addressed the faculty, presenting his now famous rest cure, which at that time was hailed as a novelty, but which is now an ordinary method of treatment.

He paid tribute to Dr. Osler as a great physician, to Dr. Harvey Cushing and other Maryland authors for their medical works, and then went into a discussion of what the physicians should get for their library, which was not only interesting, but amusing in spots.

"Once medicine," he said, "was only an art. Now it is partly art and partly science. The time will come, no doubt, when it will have more the certainty of science than the insecurity of art. I fear that may be afar off, but whatever betides, where the greatest and sincerest effort for science is being made there will you find the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland. This is the greatest day in its history, but the epoch is fleeting and it will rise to new epochs on the foundation of this splendid library."

Others Who Spoke.

Dr. Abraham Jacobi, of the New York Academy of Medicine, responded for that society and said that while New York's was second only to the Surgeon-General's Library, at Washington, in point of number and scope of the works, he gladly welcomed Maryland into the field and thought it would soon take a front place.

Dr. James Tyson, of the College of Physicians, of Philadelphia, startled many of his hearers by his deep knowledge of the history of the Maryland association, and proved an interesting speaker.

Dr. John W. Farlow, of the Boston Medical Library, made a short speech, in which he wished the members well in their new building.

Dr. Harvey Cushing gave a brief history of the Osler Fund, which was raised to build the hall, and then Dr. William H. Welch, who, perhaps, is the closest friend of Dr. Osler in the profession, delivered the dedicatory address of the hall.

Dr. Brush announced that he had received a promise of a legacy of \$20,000 which would be left the faculty. This announcement was received with applause.

A lunch followed the exercises. It was served down stairs in the basement, and later the visitors inspected the building. Many admired the simple and dignified lines of the structure, and the architects, Messrs. Ellicott and Emmart, were congratulated.

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If there had been any anticipation that Dr. Osler would propound some new theory or discuss some new phase of medicine those who possessed it were disappointed. The address had two distinct ideas. The first was his thanks for the honors bestowed on him, and the second his recollections and advices to the faculty.

In his recollections Dr. Osler praised Dr. E. F. Cordell for his historical studies, Drs. Hiram Woods, S. T. Earle, Edward N. Brush, Charles O'Donovan and Goldsborough for their work as presidents of the faculty. He then went back to the days when the Johns Hopkins Hospital and Medical School was being organized and paid tribute to the laymen, mentioning Mr. Francis T. King, Judge George W. Dobbin, Dr. Carey Thomas and Mr. Francis White for their work of organization.

"Above all others," he said, "I desire to