

(from Miss Smart's notebook)

(To Dr. Cullen, Baltimore)

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A story
about
Dr. How-
ard Kelly.

The circumstances were these. Goodell had resigned, and there was no end of discussion as to who should take his place. I had on several occasions gone to Kensington to see Kelly operate, and I happened to mention to Pepper that I had never seen anybody do abdominal work with the same skill. He knew of Kelly but had not, I believe, seen him operate, which he immediately arranged to do. Then one evening at the Biological Club Horatio Wood and Mitchell were discussing G.'s successor, and I said that Pepper and I were backing a dark horse - a Kensington colt. With that Leidy chipped in with a remark that "if it is young Howard Kelly, his former prosector, I will back him heartily". This is how I remember the story. How extraordinarily successful he has been! Only ~~of~~ those ^{of us} who know the work as it was, realise how much the profession (and the public) owe to such men.