

CUS417/129.42

For Sir W Osler

DURRANT'S PRESS CUTTINGS,
St. Andrew's House, 32 to 34 Holborn Viaduct,
and 8 St. Andrew Street, Holborn Circus, E.C.
TELEPHONE: CITY 4963

Lancet
423 Strand, W.C.

Cutting from issue dated July 19 1919

Annotations.

"Ne quid nimis."

THE OSLER PRESENTATION.

A DISTINGUISHED company, which included the President of the General Medical Council, the Director-General of the Army Medical Service, and the High Commissioner for Canada, assembled on Friday, July 11th, at the House of the Royal Society of Medicine, to do honour to Sir William Osler on the eve of his seventieth birthday. Sir Clifford Allbutt presented the two large octavo volumes of essays written by pupils, colleagues, and friends in all parts of the British Dominions and America, alluding feelingly to Sir William Osler's leadership in the relief of sickness and adversity, and to the fruitfulness of the marriage of science and letters exemplified in his career, concluding with the words:—

"In these volumes we hope you will find the kind of offering from your fellow-workers which will please you best; immaterial offerings indeed, but such as may outlive a more material gift. As to you we owe much of the inspiration of these essays, and as in many of their subjects you have taken a bountiful part, so by them we desire to give some form to our common interests and affections.

We pray that health and strength may long be spared to you and to her who is the partner of your life; and that for many years to come you will abide in your place as a Nestor of modern Oxford, as a leader in the van of Medicine, and as an example to us all."

Sir William Osler, in responding to the gift, recalled his own vagrant career—as a student in Toronto, Montreal, London, Berlin, and Vienna, as a teacher in Montreal, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Oxford. Loving the profession of medicine and believing ardently in its future, he had been content to live in it and for it. We may recall his own words spoken 14 years ago in taking leave of his friends in the United States:—

I have loved no darkness,
Sophisticated no truth.
Nursed no delusions,
Allowed no fears.

In the spirit of equanimity, which he then praised, he has borne success with humility, the admiration of his friends without pride, and has stood the test of sorrow with unflinching courage. The 14 years among us have brought Sir William Osler in full measure the affection of us all.