



OSLER'S NOTES

“From the day you begin practice never under any circumstances listen to a tale told to the detriment of a brother practitioner. And when any dispute or trouble does arise, go frankly, ere sunset, and talk the matter over, in which way you may gain a brother and a friend. Very easy to carry out, you may think! Far from it; there is no harder battle to fight.”

(Source: *The Master-Word in Medicine, In Aequanimitas, 369.*)

“Remember, however, that every patient upon whom you wait will examine you critically and form an estimate of you by the way in which you conduct yourself at the bedside. Skill and nicety in manipulation, whether in the simple act of feeling the pulse, or in the performance of any minor operation will do more towards establishing confidence in you, than a string of Diplomas, or the reputation of extensive Hospital experience.”

(Source: *Valedictory Address to the Graduates in Medicine and Surgery, McGill University. Can Med Surg J 1874-75; 3:433-42.*)

“We expect too much of the student and we try to teach him too much. Give him good methods and a proper point of view, and all other things will be added, as his experience grows.” ■

(Source: *On the Need of A Radical Reform in Our Methods of Teaching Senior Students. Med News [New York] 1903; 82:49-53.*)



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