

Addresses on the occasion of the presentation of the portrait of George B. Wood, M.D. to the Wistar and Horner Museum : on his retirement from his chair, March 15, 1860 / by J. Campbell Shorb and R. La Roche.

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filled and the consciousness that danger might accrue to the school were Dr. Wood's successor to prove inferior to his new position—to be in a great measure enhanced. Postulants for the post will, as a matter of course, present themselves. Each will, with no less certainty, think himself eminently qualified, on every score, to perform in the most unquestionable manner the duties of the vacated chair. Friends in, and especially out, of the ranks of the profession will be found disposed to urge the superior claims to preferment of their respective nominees, and ready to bring all manner of influences to bear on the minds of the trustees in order to effect the object they have in view.

I cannot allow myself for a moment to doubt that, from among the number of individuals whose names will be enrolled on the list of candidates, a fair selection can be made. So far from this, I feel convinced, that the said list will clearly indicate that the place in the gift of the trustees is sought after by more than one individual entitled to the favorable opinion of those best able to pronounce in regard to their intellectual endowments and scientific acquirements. All I wish to impress on your minds is that, owing to the reasons mentioned, the task of sifting the claims of the various aspirants to an office from which a professor like the original of that fine portrait is about to retire—of steering safely amid all the external influences from which none having a voice in the decision can hope to escape, and at last of selecting from among all the competitors the individual least likely to suffer to such a degree by a comparison













