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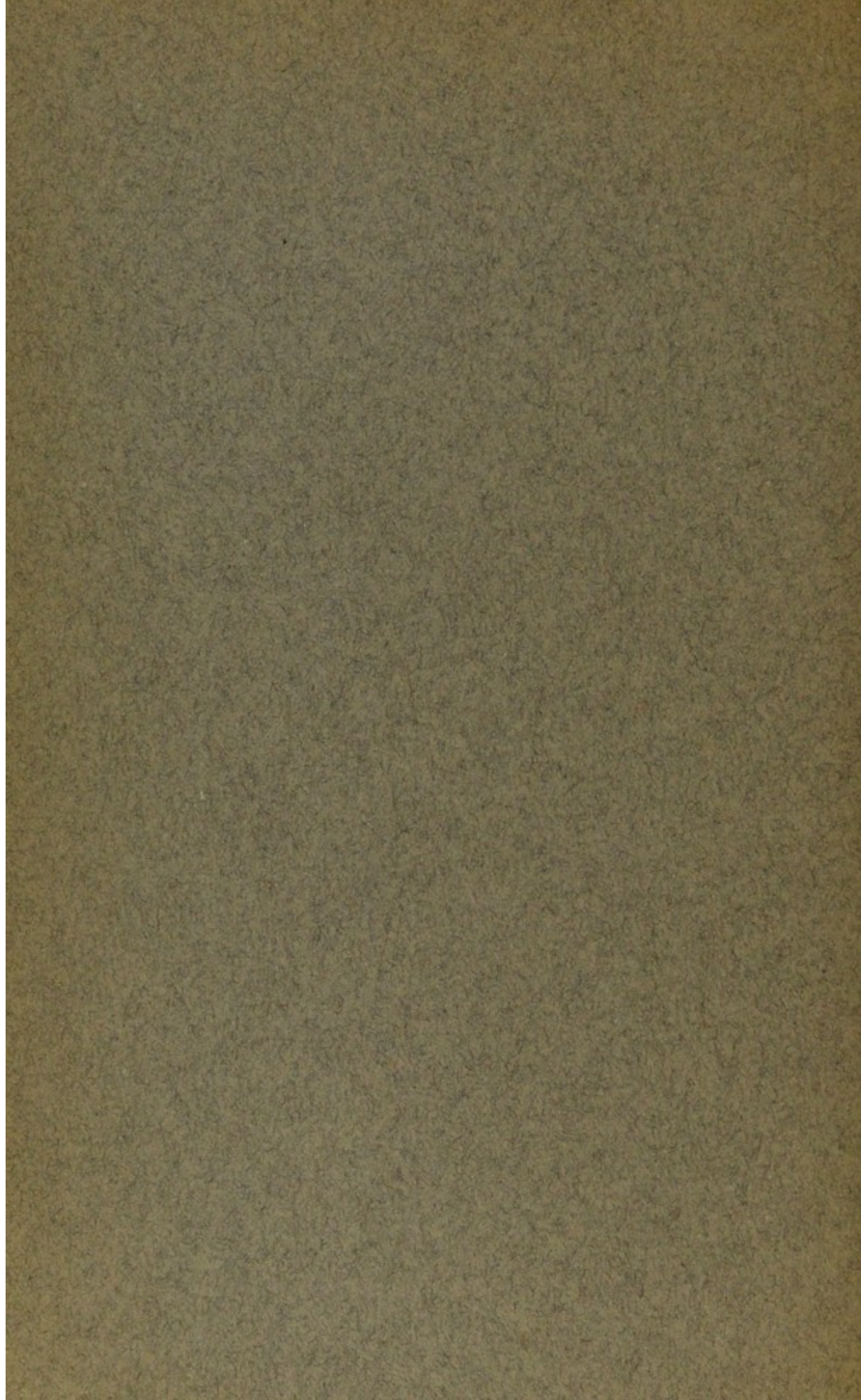
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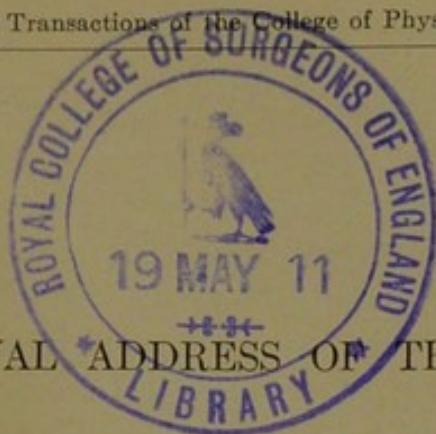
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Two years ago Dr. Tyson began his Annual Address with this sentence: "Since the reading of my last Annual Address, January 1, 1908, the interest of the Fellows of the College has largely centred in the progress of the new hall on Twenty-second Street." Progress culminated in completion, and on November 10 and 11, 1909, the new hall of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia was dedicated with impressive and dignified ceremonies, which are still fresh in the memories of those who had the good fortune to take part in them. The account of the exercises on these occasions forms part of the thirty-first volume of our TRANSACTIONS, and is further contained in a supplemental volume which, exclusive of the Fellows of the College, has been sent to each contributor of the College Building Fund.

For the success of these Dedication Ceremonies the College is indebted to the efforts of the members of the Entertainment Committee and of the Committee of Reception, and particularly to the earnest and effective work (and no one who was not actively engaged in it can properly realize how great this work was) of the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Dr. Charles H. Frazier.

For more than a year we, Fellows of the College, have dwelt in this new home, "of mark beyond all others," justly proud of the nobility of its structure and happily satisfied with its unrivalled equipment. It would seem proper, therefore, that this address should concern itself with the work of the College during the past year, and should review and relate those things which

have been done, those things which will be done, and those things which ought to be done.

CONCERNING THE SCIENTIFIC BUSINESS OF THE COLLEGE. During the last College year, *i. e.*, from December 1, 1909, to November 30, 1910, thirty-two papers have been read at the various stated and special meetings, an increase of seven as compared with the scientific programs of the preceding year. Six of these papers, two being by physicians not Fellows of the College, were read at special meetings. Professor Magnus-Levy, of Berlin, discoursed on "The Dietetic Treatment of Effusions without Drugs," and his paper elicited an interesting debate. The evening devoted to a consideration of Acute and Epidemic Poliomyelitis was a memorable occasion, with its illuminating discussion of a disease upon which so much attention has been centred in recent times, and for which the College is largely indebted to the interest and activities of Dr. Charles K. Mills and to the contributions of Dr. Paul Lewis on its etiology, of Dr. Allen Smith on its pathology, and of the Commissioner of Health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Dr. Dixon, through his Chief Medical Inspector, Dr. Royer, and of the Director of Public Health in Philadelphia, Dr. Neff, on their studies of this disease throughout the State and city. The Postoperative Psychoses were amply presented at one stated meeting of the College, which assumed the character of a special session, opening with a brief and suggestive paper by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, and continuing in a scholarly communication by Dr. Mumford, of Boston, a comprehensive review by Dr. J. Chalmers Da Costa, and an instructive discussion by Drs. Howard A. Kelly, Edward Martin, F. X. Dercum, C. K. Mills, and J. K. Mitchell, the latter being especially interesting in his analysis of his own and his father's large clinical experience.

Of the remaining papers, read at various stated meetings, all had worthy place on the College program, but it may be permitted to point, with special satisfaction, to Dr. Spiller's Lantern Demonstration of Tumors of the Brain and Spinal Cord, to a similar demonstration by Dr. Willson of the Gross Pathology of the Heart, to Dr. Stengel's contribution on the Treatment of Acute Pulmonary Edema, to Dr. Hare's studies in Pneumonia and the Differences between Systolic Blood Pressure in the Arm

and Leg in Aortic Regurgitation, and to Drs. Pemberton's and Sweet's experiments relating to the Induction of Pancreatic Activity by Removal of the Adrenals.

The average attendance of the Fellows during the stated meetings of the College was practically 69 (exactly $68\frac{2}{3}$), an increase of over 11 above that of the preceding year, while the attendance of the Fellows at the special meetings averaged practically 64. All of these special meetings devoted to scientific subjects, however, were well attended by physicians who are not Fellows, and the officers of the College have received many expressions not only from Fellows, but from physicians in the city and its immediate neighborhood, of satisfaction that these important subjects were brought forward, and that opportunity was given to those who are not members of our institution to hear the papers and to take part in the proceedings.

The Public Lectures on "Great Doctors and Achievements in Medical Research," inaugurated by the College at the suggestion of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell at the January meeting, have been a pronounced success. On each occasion a brilliant audience greeted the lecturer, and those who attended will not soon forget the pleasure and profit which Dr. Mitchell's delightful lecture on "Harvey and the Circulation of the Blood," Dr. Flexner's scholarly account of "Pasteur and the Rise of Modern Bacteriology," and Dr. Welch's characteristically charming talk on "Jenner and Vaccination," afforded them. Invitations to these lectures were mailed not only to each Fellow of the College and to all members of the County Medical Society, but also, issued from the President's office, to more than thirteen hundred prominent men and women resident in this city and its neighborhood. Through the *Weekly Roster* a general invitation was sent to all physicians in regular standing in Philadelphia. These lectures have not only served, as it was intended that they should, to educate the public, but they have also served, in a perfectly proper manner, to focus as never before in our history the attention of the citizens of this municipality upon the College and its worth, work, and influence, so that they have come to realize how important our institution is and how well it deserves their interest and support.

As the result of a conference between Dr. Alfred Stengel, Dr. A. O. J. Kelly, and the President, and with the permission of the College, granted at its May meeting, the Weir Mitchell Lectures have been established, the first one of which will take place during the present month, as already announced, and be given by the Professor of Pharmacology in the University of London, Arthur R. Cushny, and the second one by Edmund B. Wilson, Professor of Zoölogy in Columbia University, the subject and date of which will be published later. During the remainder of the year two and possibly three additional lectures will be given. It is the hope of the Committee that a sufficient fund will be available, from the income of which a suitable honorarium can be paid to each lecturer, and, while he will not be forbidden to utilize his material for publication in some medical journal, that it will also form part of the yearly volume of the TRANSACTIONS OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS. With the interest of the Fellows in bringing to the College meetings their best efforts, with the continuance of the Public Lectures, and with the success which promises to be attendant on the Weir Mitchell Lectures, the special committee which has them in charge, as well as the Committee on Scientific Business of the College, confidently believe that the scientific program of the College for the coming year will not only equal that of the past, but excel it. For what has been done in this respect I desire to express the College's and my own high appreciation of the work of the Committee on Scientific Business of our institution, and particularly of that of its efficient Chairman, Dr. A. O. J. Kelly.

The Publication Committee is to be congratulated upon the material contained in the last volume of our TRANSACTIONS, and it is fortunate that this Committee was able to print with the other papers Professor Martin H. Fischer's essay on "Edema," to which the 1909 Nathan Lewis Hatfield Prize of the College of Physicians was awarded. If happily in future it should be possible to include some or all of the Weir Mitchell Lectures, to which I have made reference, as well as the more important papers read before the Sections of the College, our TRANSACTIONS will grow in importance and reach a point of distinction they

have never before attained, and yearly constitute better than ever real additions to the literature of our profession.

CONCERNING THE LIBRARY. The report of the Library Committee, presented by its Chairman at the last meeting of the College, leaves little for me to add, and what I say must in large part be a repetition and an emphasis of some of its salient points.

The total number of volumes in the library at the present time is 91,673. Of unbound theses and dissertations we possess 24,967, and of unbound pamphlets, 79,676. From all sources the library has acquired during the last year 4146 volumes, 14,791 pamphlets, and 36,924 numbers of various periodicals. It is interesting to note that of the 678 new publications added to the library during the past year, 42 were written or edited by Fellows of the College.

Certain changes in the conduct of the library instituted by the Library Committee have been of special satisfaction to the Fellows—namely, improvement in the rapidity with which the books are bound, thus obviating the inconvenience of long absences of sample copies from the library shelves; permission to use ink by the readers and workers in the library, and the opening of the library on two nights a week and on certain legal holidays other than Christmas, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Fourth of July. Now, while it is true that the use of the library at night has been limited to about fifteen Fellows, and that the total average attendance was only about five, and for actual Fellows of the College about half of this number, this does not represent a discouraging record. In the first place, what I may call the habit of consulting the library at night requires some time before it is acquired, and in the second place, the Fellows who have made use of the privilege are especially those whose active literary work in subsequent publications or in Society discussions adds to the reputation of our institution and its collegiate body.

Of particular value have been the seminar rooms, and to quote from the report of the Chairman of the Library Committee, "they have been highly appreciated by the Fellows of the College, inasmuch as the majority of them have been in use all the time and all of them for the greater part of the year. The number

of volumes called for and retained in these rooms for use has averaged about fifty the year round."

This is the first entire year that the library has occupied its new quarters, and in spite of the fact that the number of hours were increased during the summer and that the library was kept open on minor legal holidays, and at night for two evenings each week from March 2, except from June 15 to September 15, there was a decrease in the number of visitors when compared with the last full year that the library occupied its old quarters at Thirteenth and Locust Streets. During this last full year at Thirteenth and Locust Streets, namely, during 1908, 12,166 visitors were recorded, of which, 6491 were Fellows of the College; in other words, nearly one-third more readers and visitors were present than during the year which has just ended. It seems to me that this difference is readily explained: (1) It is due to the change in location, an influence which was to be expected during the first year and which will steadily decline, and (2) it was natural that in the last year of our residence in the old quarters an unusual number of Fellows and visitors should be attracted to the College, partly in farewell visits, and partly because it was a common ground for the discussion of subjects in which the College was vitally interested. This is indicated if a comparison is made between the attendance during this year and that of the preceding year, namely, 1907, which shows an increase during 1908 of more than 5000 all told, and of more than 3000 Fellows of the College. If, now, a comparison is made between the number of visitors and Fellows registered during this year of 1907, and during the year just ended, we find that the increase is over 1000 in favor of the new building.

The library funds have been increased during the last year by the generous gift of Dr. Francis X. Dercum, of \$5000, and by that of Mrs. Henry Swords, of \$1000, to found the Gerardus Clarkson Library Fund. The total investment at the present time is \$72,332.57, the annual income from which, amounting to about \$3292.94, is used for the purchase of new publications and for subscriptions to periodicals, the income of the George B. Wood Fund, amounting to somewhat over \$300, being utilized for library supplies.

CONCERNING GIFTS TO THE COLLEGE. At the February meeting Dr. John K. Mitchell, in the absence of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, read the following letter: "I have this great pleasure, to give to the College of Physicians of Philadelphia \$75,000, to relieve it from debt and leave it free to pursue its career of honorable usefulness." Signed, Edward T. Stotesbury. This act of Mr. Stotesbury places his name high on the roll of eminent benefactors of the College, but it does more than this, it makes him a conspicuous benefactor of the medical profession at large, and establishes an example of generosity which it is fondly hoped will be emulated by other public-spirited citizens.

To the generous additions to the Library Fund reference has already been made, and the following is a list of the rare medical books, works of special interest, paintings, engravings, statuary, and other valuable gifts received by the College during the past year.

Incunabula. (Total number, 151.)

- Cerasianus, J. Repetitio sententiam sanguinis. Leipzig, Lotter, 1499.
 Fiera Mantuanus, S. Cœna seu de cibariorum. Venetiis, de Boll, 1485.
 (Presented by Dr. George Fales Baker.)

Works of Special Interest.

- Brissot, P. Apologetica. Parisiis, Colinesei, 1525.
 Calvin, J. Defensio orthodoxæ. Oliua, Stephani, 1554
 (Presented by Drs. S. Weir Mitchell, W. W. Keen, R. H. Harte, and J. G. Clark.)
 de Clementinus, C. Clementia medicinæ. Roma, Mazochius, 1512.
 Fabricius ab Aquapendente, H. Opera chirurgica. Patavii, Matthaeide Cardorinis, 1666.
 (Presented by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell.)
 Fallopius, G. Opera omnia. Francofurti, Wicheli, 1600.
 (Presented by Dr. Barton Cooke Hirst.)
 von Gerssdorff, H. Feldtbuch der Wundarztney. Strassburg, Schott, 1517.
 (Presented by Dr. George W. Norris.)
 Hippocrates. Magni coacæ prænotiones. Parisiorum, Meturas, 1658.
 (Presented by Dr. Francis R. Packard.)
 Original Drawings and Letters of Joseph Leidy, M.D.
 (Presented by Dr. J. Willcox through Dr. W. W. Keen.)
 Mesue Damascenus, J. Mesue vulgar. Venetiis, Arrivabeno, 1521.
 Morgagni, G. B. Autograph letter to S. F. Morand, 1750.
 (Presented by Dr. John H. Musser.)

Rhases. Opera parva. Lyons, de Villiers, 1510-1511.

Servetus, M. De trinitatis erroribus. Basle, Koenig, 1531.

(Presented by Drs. S. Weir Mitchell, W. W. Keen, R. H. Harte, and J. G. Clark.)

Tokumoto. Bikwa mujiujo. Kioto, 1766.

(Presented by Dr. Albert S. Ashmead.)

Oil Paintings.

Portrait of Dr. Nathaniel C. Chapman, by Sully.

(Presented by Mrs. Henry C. Chapman.)

Portrait of Dr. Adam Kuhn, by Louis Hasselbusch.

(Presented by C. Hartman Kuhn, Esq.)

Portrait of Dr. Arthur V. Meigs, by William M. Chase.

Busts.

Marble bust of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, with pedestal, by Partridge.

(Presented by Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell.)

Marble bust of Æsculapius, with pedestal.

(Presented by Dr. John B. Roberts.)

Marble bust of Dr. George B. Wood.

(Presented by Messrs. Craige, Walter, and J. Bertram Lippincott.)

Bronze bust of Dr. Horatio C. Wood, by S. Murray.

(Presented by Messrs. George Wood and George Wood Bacon.)

Medals.

Bronze medal commemorative of the dedication of the new building of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

(Presented by Dr. James Tyson.)

Framed Pictures, Diplomas, etc.

Proof before letters of S. Medley's painting of the President, Fellows, and Corresponding Members of the Medical Society of London. Engraved by N. Branwhite.

(Presented by Hampton L. Carson, Esq.)

Silhouettes of Dr. John Redman, Dr. Samuel Powell Griffiths, and Dr. Abraham Chovet.

(Presented by Hampton L. Carson, Esq.)

Copy of Harvey's Stemma. Painted by Mrs. J. M. Taylor.

(Presented by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell.)

The Island of the Tiber, which, for nearly twelve hundred years, was consecrated to the Spirit of Healing.

(Photographed and Presented by William Romaine Newbold.)

Diploma of honorary membership given to David Grove by the Royal Jennerian Society, May 12, 1832.

(Presented by Dr. Roland G. Curtin.)

Gold watch, formerly owned by Dr. D. Hayes Agnew.

(Presented by Dr. Henry D. Jump.)

To only a few of these gifts is it possible for me to make reference in the present address. Our incunabula, now numbering 151, have been increased through the generosity of Dr. George Fales Baker, and represent a notable collection and compare favorably with those owned by the great libraries of Europe. Our art gallery has been enriched by the portrait of Dr. Nathaniel C. Chapman, a fine Sully, presented by Mrs. Henry C. Chapman; by one of Dr. Adam Kuhn, presented by Mr. C. Hartman Kuhn; by one of our honored former President, Dr. Arthur V. Meigs; and by one of Dr. Joseph Parrish, presented by Mrs. Susan Parrish Wharton. In the coming months admirable portraits of the late Dr. William Goodell and of Dr. James Tyson will be presented, and soon thereafter a portrait of our late Vice-President, Dr. Wharton Sinkler, and one of Dr. George C. Harlan.

To Dr. John B. Roberts we are indebted for a marble bust of Æsculapius; to Messrs. Craige, Walter, and J. Bertram Lippincott for a marble bust of Dr. George B. Wood; to Messrs. George Wood and George Wood Bacon for a bronze bust of Dr. Horatio C. Wood; and to Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell for the splendid marble bust of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, which so fittingly stands in this the great Hall of the College of Physicians, named for, and dedicated to, our most distinguished and beloved Fellow.

In the near future, as the College has already heard, through the interest of Dr. Abbe, of New York, we will, under certain conditions already presented to the College, become the custodians of the watch of Dr. Benjamin Rush.

CONCERNING THE BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS OF THE COLLEGE. In March of the last year the President of the College was approached by the officers of the Free Library of Philadelphia with an offer to lease the property at Thirteenth and Locust Streets. The Committee in charge of the disposal of these properties (Dr. J. C. Wilson, Dr. Richard H. Harte, Dr. John B. Roberts, and the President), after a thorough investigation of this matter, in consultation with Mr. Frank P. Prichard, recommended at a special meeting of the College, held on February 4, 1910, that a lease should be drawn on the following terms: Beginning July 1, 1910, for five years, the rental was to be \$7000 per annum,

and the lessees are to pay all taxes, water rent, insurance, repairs, municipal improvements, etc., and indemnify the College against all charges of every kind against the property, the lessees to have the privilege of renewal on proper notice for another five years, year by year, with an increase of \$700 during each year of renewal. These eminently satisfactory terms were approved by the College at the special meeting before mentioned, and the lease was signed on February 28, 1910.

In February of last year the President ascertained that the stable and the three small houses adjoining the College on the south had passed into the possession of a firm of real estate agents, whose plans included the erection of a garage. Largely through the efforts of one of our Fellows, Dr. James Thorington, the owners of these properties offered to sell them to the College for \$46,000, which was \$4000 less than the original price asked, and \$7000 less than the price which they said they would ask after they had acquired the property. A very short time was given to the College in which to decide the matter, and to meet the demand of a \$16,000 payment in cash, \$1000 upon execution of agreement, and the balance of \$15,000 within five weeks from the date thereof. How to avoid this difficulty, and how to come into possession of these properties in the absence of any funds belonging to the College which could be properly utilized for such a purpose, was indeed a problem, solved by the devoted interest of our well-beloved late Vice-President, Dr. Wharton Sinkler, whose touching interest in this matter, extending almost to his dying day, can never be forgotten. Through his influence his nephew, Mr. Eckley B. Coxe, Jr., purchased the property, with the understanding that while the College was in no sense obliged to take it from his hands, he was ready at any time to place the College in possession of these buildings and lots under the most liberal terms. This was the announcement that the President of the College was able to make at the meeting of March 2, 1910, to the infinite relief and great satisfaction of all Fellows of the College.

Subsequently, with the active interest and help of Mr. Charles Sinkler, Mr. Coxe offered to convey these premises to the College for a cash payment of between \$5000 and \$6000, that is, such

an amount as reimbursed him over and above \$40,000, reserving a ground rent of \$1600 a year, or 4 per cent. on \$40,000.

By a resolution of the College at its May meeting, 1910, the Committee in charge of this matter was empowered to purchase the stable property adjoining the College on the south side under the conditions named to the President, briefly as follows: That at the settlement Mr. Coxe will pay the first mortgage of \$20,000, will receive a ground rent of \$40,000, leaving approximately \$5250 to be paid. Under date of June 22, Mr. Prichard, the attorney for the College, sent to the President of the College the deed in duplicate from Mr. Eckley B. Coxe, Jr., with the request that both copies be signed by the President and Secretary of the College and the seal of the College attached. Proper acknowledgment was made by the Secretary of the College before the Notary in Mr. Prichard's office, and the matter was concluded. Settlement took place on July 1, Mr. Evans, of Mr. Prichard's office, attending, who represented the College, and later the President of the College received from Mr. Sinkler the various memoranda of settlement.

At the October meeting of the College the action of the officers in purchasing the property was ratified by a resolution which also confirmed the execution of the deed of ground rent upon the property.

The stable, therefore, has passed into the possession of the College, and the rents from the stable and from one of the houses at the rear of the stable, as long as it existed, in part reimbursed the College for its payment on the ground rent. Owing to the unsanitary condition of these small houses, it was agreed that they should be torn down and the lot properly protected with a fence. The expiration of the lease on the stable does not take place until June of this year, giving the College, it would seem, ample time to determine what disposition shall be made of this property after this lease expires. To this point I shall return in a later portion of this Address.

The high appreciation in which the College holds Mr. Coxe's generosity in this matter has been emphasized by a vote of thanks, which has been formally conveyed to him.

The College has heard the remarkably satisfactory report

which the Hall Committee has been able to present, by which it seems that the calculated minimum expenditure for the year was reduced by about \$500, a feat in economy and efficiency which, as the Chairman of the Hall Committee, Dr. John K. Mitchell, has pointed out, is due to the constant personal effort and attention of every member of his Committee, as well as to the effective work of the Superintendent of the College, Mr. Fisher, and the Clerk of the College, Miss Zelner.

Reference must here also be made to the report of the Building Committee, presented by its secretary, Dr. William J. Taylor. This Committee, under various resolutions adopted by the College, was authorized to expend upon the erection and furnishing of the new building a sum not to exceed \$295,000. At the date of this report, namely, November, 1910, \$293,809.89 had been expended, leaving a balance, therefore, of \$1190.11. In addition to this, certain special funds have been provided for furnishing the various named rooms of the College to the amount of \$14,832.31, and for these beautiful and fitting memorials we are indebted in the Cadwalader room to Mrs. S. Weir Mitchell; in the Thomson room to the children, nephews, and nieces of the late Dr. William Thomson; in the Ashhurst room to Dr. Richard H. Harte; in the Norris room to the sons and some of the relatives and friends of the late Dr. William F. Norris; in the Wood room to the Wood family; in the Packard room to the brothers of the late Dr. Frederick Packard; in Mitchell Hall to the generosity of many friends and Fellows of the College, and particularly to the untiring activity of Dr. John H. Musser; and in the Hutchinson Reception Room to the descendants of Dr. James Hutchinson and to the family of the late Dr. James H. Hutchinson.

The Fellows of the College have learned from the report of our Treasurer that the income from the invested funds for the year 1911 will be practically the same as for 1910, namely, \$8319.45; that the income from real estate will be approximately \$7437.50, and that the income from annual contributions for the year 1911 will amount to about \$12,150, making a total of \$27,906.95, or somewhat over \$7000 more than the income of the College in the year which has just ended, the increase being due to the rental received from the old buildings at

Thirteenth and Locust Streets. The Finance Committee has appropriated the necessary funds for the various departments of the College, and these appropriations have been made in as liberal a spirit as possible. A good working balance remains, not by any means more than we need, but more than we dared to hope would be available before we were relieved of the burden of indebtedness by the generous gift to which I have already made reference.

The satisfaction which has resulted from the improved business methods of the College, whereby a trained bookkeeper in the Treasurer's office handles all accounts, except those of the Mütter Museum, which is operated according to the provisions of its deed of trust, must be evident to all of the Fellows. Moreover, the care and fidelity with which the Superintendent of the College has performed his duties has added not a little to the success which has crowned our efforts during the last year, and my distinguished predecessor may well be pleased that the suggestions which came from him in these respects have proved to be of such great advantage to the College.

At the meeting of December, 1909, the College adopted a resolution that the officers of the College be empowered to have prepared and presented to the court through counsel a petition asking for permission to increase the amount of property that may be legally held under the charter. Through the agency of Mr. Frank P. Prichard the petition was duly made and a decree of court has been granted increasing the limit of the holdings to \$200,000. All business brought to the attention of the College from the Council, from reports of special committees, and from resolutions presented on the floor of the College, has been duly and I believe satisfactorily transacted, save only that the appointment of a committee, authorized at the February meeting, to take into consideration the means to abate the coal smoke nuisance in Philadelphia, was not formed, because after consultation with the Director of Public Health, himself a Fellow of the College and keenly interested in the success of the movement, it was plain that for the present more effective work in this respect would come through other channels. In the near future the

College, it is hoped, will take further steps in this matter and will be ready to do its part in this civic duty.

CONCERNING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE YEAR. The last year, rich as it has been in the joy of successful achievement, has not been free from sorrow. Against the names of seven of the Fellows of the College "the fatal asterisk of death is set."

Dr. William B. Stanton, elected a Fellow in 1904, died on February 13, 1910. An accomplished clinician, splendidly active in the tuberculosis work of the city and of the State, distinguished for his studies in cardiovascular disease and for his invention of one of the most accurate instruments for its detection, he represented the best type of physician and was a real inspiration to those who knew him and worked with him.

Dr. Wharton Sinkler, elected a Fellow in 1872, died on March 16, 1910. Through all the years of his Fellowship he was devoted to the best interests of the College, rendering special service in its Committee on the Directory for Nurses and in the Council, and becoming its Vice-President in 1910. It is difficult to realize that his fine career has come to an end, hard to believe we have lost the inspiration of his vigorous presence and the benefits of his cheerful activities. A real doctor, there was healing in his touch; an acute clinician, there was wisdom in the records of his observation; a loyal friend, there was more than comfort in his kindly offices, so often and so graciously tendered. The memory of him and of that which he accomplished remains a precious possession.

Dr. Barton H. Potts, elected a Fellow in 1902, died on May 8, 1910. An accomplished laryngologist and aurist, he was earnest in his work and successful in his results, giving, in so far as this College is concerned, valuable attention to the development and improvement of its Section on Otology and Laryngology.

Dr. D. F. Woods, elected a Fellow in 1866, died on July 28, 1910. A busy and successful practitioner in the best sense of that term, and for many years effectively interested in the work of the Presbyterian Hospital, he is greatly missed by those who depended on him for comfort and advice in their hour of need.

Dr. Walter F. Atlee, elected a Fellow in 1857, died August 18,

1910, and therefore a member of our Fellowship for more than fifty years. Quietly interested in the scientific side of our profession, and keeping in touch with European ideas by virtue of membership in foreign societies, lending his rich experience as consultant in one hospital and visiting physician in another, he was for many years a man greatly concerned with a large and important practice, to the needs of which he administered with conspicuous ability. Kind to the poor, he was also kind and helpful to the younger members of the profession, to whom words of encouragement from one of his large influence always mean much.

Dr. De Forest Willard, elected a Fellow in 1880, died October 14, 1910. A noted surgeon, conspicuous for his work in orthopedic surgery and the surgery of children, a teacher of distinction, for many years holding the chair of orthopedic surgery in the University of Pennsylvania, and in largest measure responsible for its fine orthopedic department, liberal in his contributions to the literature of his special branch of our science, he was a man of the highest ideals and of the best influence, and was a real exemplar among the members of our profession.

Dr. James B. Walker, elected a Fellow in 1885, died October 18, 1910. For many years meeting cheerfully and skilfully the exactions of a large and influential practice, he none the less found time to be notably active in the affairs of the State and of the County Society, serving both in positions of the highest importance, and to contribute to the literature of medicine from his rich clinical experience. Always prompt to respond to the call of friend or patient as the need arose, his ministrations brought comfort to many households and his death a sorrow not easily assuaged.

Thus, the College has lost by death during the year seven Fellows. One Fellow has resigned, and one Fellowship has been forfeited. Twenty-four new Fellows have been elected. The net gain, therefore, is fifteen. On December 1, 1910, the roll of the College was as follows: Fellows, 451; Associate Fellows (American), 26; Associate Fellows (foreign), 20; corresponding members, 4; a total of 501.

CONCERNING THOSE THINGS WHICH OUGHT TO BE DONE. Practically two-thirds of the present income of the library is

used for periodical publications and one-third for new books. It is desirable that a larger income shall be available for the purchase of books and journals, for binding, and for the care of our most notable possession. The citizens of Philadelphia have come to know what a valuable library we have, and, moreover, that it is a free library, containing many volumes that are of the greatest interest to those who are not medical men. I urge that each Fellow shall make it his business to present the claims of the College in this respect to those who are likely to respond to appeals for aid, and to remember a sentence from an address of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, which reads as follows: "It may chance to some of you to be able to enlist in favor of the library outside aid from those who have the good habit of giving."

Reprints of the Annual Report of the Library are distributed to the medical libraries of the world and to representative medical journals in all countries. Now, while this report states the facts, it is a comparatively small pamphlet, and is not as large as the Annual Report of the Honorary Librarian to the Library Committee. It does not, in my opinion, or in the opinion of the Librarian, represent as fully as it should the affairs of such an important institution as is the College of Physicians. The reports issued from other libraries, for example in Boston and New York, are larger, and include not only matter which pertains especially to the book collections, but other records of interest connected with the institutions from which they proceed. It would seem, therefore, proper to recommend that this report shall be elaborated, and that it shall hereafter contain, for example, the President's Annual Address, and such data as may with advantage be abstracted from the Report of the Honorary Librarian, making special reference to books of unusual interest or great value. This surely would result in a report which would make a much better impression than the one which now proceeds from the offices of the College.

Our collection of incunabula and old books is now a notable one, and as Dr. Keen has suggested and urged, it should be the endeavor of all those interested in our library to increase it, either by gift or purchase, or by the raising of a fund from the income of which volumes of this character can be purchased.

It is, moreover, exceedingly desirable that a catalogue of our incunabula shall be constructed, which can be sent, as is the Report of the Library Committee, to the various great libraries of the world. We are fortunate in that the post of Honorary Librarian of this College is held by one who is so well qualified to undertake this work, and to whom, I trust, this recommendation will appeal.

The satisfaction with which the announcement of the establishment of the Weir Mitchell Lectures has been received, and that we are to have in the College of Physicians the opportunity of hearing distinguished lecturers at stated intervals, exactly as they are heard in New York under the auspices of the Harvey Society, makes me bold to urge on the Fellows the necessity of endeavoring to raise a fund, from the income of which a proper honorarium may be paid to each lecturer. We should have at least \$10,000 for this purpose, and while I know of some contributions that have been made, and have faith that others will follow, I cannot resist the opportunity of presenting the financial needs of this important departure in our affairs. Each step which advances the scientific output of this College is of advantage not alone to the profession at large, but to the city, whose reputation is thus enhanced. Such a fund is, therefore, a perfectly proper object of appeal which I hope will not be neglected.

Our unsightly surroundings are gradually disappearing, and with the termination of the lease of the stable this building will be razed to the ground and our most objectionable neighbor removed. When this is accomplished I venture to hope that some memorial will arise to him to whom we are most indebted for this happy relief, our late Vice-President and well-loved Fellow, Dr. Wharton Sinkler.

In this address, which of necessity has been longer than is usual on this occasion, I have called attention to some of the possessions of the College, but I have made no reference to that which is our most valued asset, namely, the fine spirit which pervades this collegiate body in that each Fellow yields to it a cheerful loyalty and unselfish service which are real inspirations in the work that we are doing and an earnest of the things which we shall do.

