

COL. HENRY ON DR. OSLER

MR. MALLINCKRODT REVOLVED THE PUBLIC LIGHT ON REV. HARRIS MALLINCKRODT'S REFERENCE TO THE OSLER THEORY AT THE EPISCOPAL CONVENTION AT HENDERSON—Col. Henry Sustains and Strengthens His Ground—What the Great Scientist Did Say in Reply to Men of 40 Years of Age—The Forthcoming Book of the Colonel Heartily Endorsed and Praised by Prominent Critics.

Col. W. R. Henry, who, as is well known, has been engaged for some time in writing a book in reply to the famous declaration of Dr. William Osler, was seen yesterday by a representative of The Observer, who desired to know what Col. Henry had to say in regard to the report sent out last week to the effect that Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt had said in his address before the Episcopal Convention that he had heard Dr. Osler and that "he did not say that men after 40 were worth little"—that is, were comparatively useless.

"That report gave me but little trouble," said Col. Henry. "I thought I armed myself by writing to the great centers of information at once. I knew that Mr. Mallinckrodt had been incorrectly reported. I had interviewed him, knowing that he had heard Dr. Osler months ago, and had his letter. I wrote him, however, at once, and asked him if there was not some mistake, and this is his reply: 'Charlotte, N. C., June 18, 1906. 'Dear Sir: I have read your letter relative to my address before the Episcopal Convention received. 'I see that I am reported as contorting the unanimous understanding as to what Dr. Osler said in his famous Baltimore address. The gentleman who reported the proceedings of the Convention, unintentionally misquoted my remarks. The substance of what I said, is as follows: 'Dr. Osler did not say that men after 40 were absolutely worthless, but that the chief work, the telling work of the world, has been accomplished by men between the ages of 25 and 40—the golden years of plenty.' 'In addition, without it, in my workshop of the writer it will be as necessary as a dictionary or thesaurus. It will be an inspiration of youth, a solace to age. It is a panoramic view of the world's best and worst of its greatest and weakest men, and it is unnecessary for me to say that your style is superb.'"

"I have examined the manuscript of your forthcoming book, and it will not only prove a rushing reply to Dr. Osler's startling declaration, but it will be a classic of which the South will be proud. 'I feel sure that every man of letters will make haste to add your work to his library. 'Respectfully yours, 'HARRIS MALLINCKRODT.' Col. Henry stated further that, while the press had the correct idea of what Dr. Osler said, that as far as he had seen, Dr. Osler's actual words had never been published in North Carolina.

The reporter wished to know if he had Dr. Osler's address. He replied that he had secured it from several sources, from The Baltimore Star, and others, and a copy from The Review of Reviews, under the certificate of the State Librarian, bearing his official seal. He thought that verbatim extracts from Dr. Osler's address would prove interesting in this connection, and asked that they be published as follows:

DR. OSLER'S VERY WORDS. "I have two fixed ideas well known to my friends, harmless obsessions with which I sometimes bore them, but which have a direct bearing on this important problem. The first is the comparative uselessness of men above 40 years of age. This may seem shocking, and yet, read aright, the world's history bears out the statement. Take the sum of human achievement in action, in science, in art, in literature—subtract the work of the men above 40, and while we should miss great treasures, even priceless treasures, we would practically be where we are to-day. It is difficult to name a great and far-reaching conquest of the mind which has not been given to the world by a man on whose back the sun was still shining. The effective, moving, vitalizing words of the world come between the ages of 25 and 40, these 15 golden years of plenty, the anabolic or constructive period, in which there is always a balance in the mental bank and the result is men of godlike stature. In the science and art of medicine there has not been an advance of the first rank which has not been initiated by young or comparatively young men.

The article in The Review of Reviews (continued). "The speaker announced as his second fixed idea the uselessness of men above 60 years of age, and the incalculable benefit it would be in commercial, political, and professional life if, as a matter of course, men stopped work at this age. It was in this connection that Dr. Osler, after alluding to methods employed by the ancients for disposing of sage-men, referred to the chloroform scheme proposed by Anthony Trollope's novel, 'The Fixed Period.' It will be remembered that Trollope's plot suggested a college into which, when the age of 60 was reached, men retired for a year of contemplation before the administering of chloroform. Dr. Osler declared that the benefits of such an arrangement were apparent to any one who like himself is nearing the prescribed limit, and who has made a careful study of the calamities which may befall men during the seventh and eighth decades. Still more when he contemplates the many evils which the aged inflict unconsciously and with impunity. As it can be maintained that all the great advances have come from men under 40, so the history of the world shows that a very large proportion of the evils may be traced to the senescentarianism—nearly all the great mistakes politically and socially, all of the worst poems, most of the bad pictures, a majority of the bad novels, not a few of the bad sermons and speeches; it is not to be denied that occasionally there is a senescentarian whose mind, as Cicero remarks, stands out of reach of the body's decay."

Said Col. Henry—"After a storm of criticism by the press, Dr. Osler denied that he had said that men should be chloroformed at 60 but emphatically re-announced the following proposition: 'Nothing in the criticisms have shaken my conviction that the telling work of the world has been done, and is done, by men under 40 years of age. The exceptions which have been given only illustrate the rule. 'Second, 'It would be for the general good if men at 60 were relieved from active work, and it would be of the greatest service to the senescentarian themselves.' Both of the above propositions, Col. Henry declared, he would prove totally out of joint with the history of the world. The Observer representative asked, 'Might the declarations of the great scientist have harmful effect other than the inoculation of false history and, granting that they are false,

would they prove materially detrimental?' "Beyond doubt, unless it be made to appear that they are historically and scientifically false," said the colonel. "Is it not a fact that the press of the country did not open its hearties upon Dr. Osler until several articles had resulted from his melancholia-inducing verbal prescription? If the business world, the railroad companies, the bankers, the manufacturers, etc., were to adopt Dr. Osler's theory, and some of them have done so, it would throw hundreds of thousands of persons out of employment, ignore a financial earthquake, a harvest of crazy-folk and an epidemic of suicide. The truth is there has never been, because of the eminence of Dr. Osler and the weight given to his words, a more dangerous theory promulgated in America or in the world."

Mr. Henry was asked as to the present status of his book, and why it had not already appeared. He said the work involved was much greater than at first anticipated, that it was nearly completed, and that he was now having eminent men of letters to examine and criticize the manuscript. He requested the publication of the following letters: Dr. B. F. Dixon, State auditor: "The section I have read of your book in reply to Dr. Osler, takes my breath away by its wonderful condensation of history, and by the skill with which you have traced each character. It is very great work, and it will command universal approval. 'I want a copy at once. The book should be in every public library in North Carolina. Dr. Kemp P. Battle, ex-president and professor of history of the University of North Carolina: "I have examined carefully sections of your book, and am greatly interested in it. The work is full of instruction and is extremely interesting. 'I congratulate you on your able effort to stem what seems to be a growing tendency, the undervaluing of old men. Col. Al. Fairbrother, the brilliant editor of 'Everything': "Your book will be invaluable to students and scholars. No library should be without it. In your workshop of the writer it will be as necessary as a dictionary or thesaurus. It will be an inspiration of youth, a solace to age. It is a panoramic view of the world's best and worst of its greatest and weakest men, and it is unnecessary for me to say that your style is superb."

NEGRO STRUCK BY S. A. L. TRAIN Bill McCain, a Negro Driver, Badly Injured in Collision With Seaboard Passenger Train—Arm and Leg Broken. Bill McCain, a negro driver employed by the Carolina Manufacturing Company, was struck by Seaboard passenger train No. 45, near the Charlotte casket factory, yesterday morning at 11:45 o'clock, and seriously, if not fatally, injured. McCain was returning to the city with his wagon after having delivered some lumber out on the Lawyer's road. He did not "stop, look, nor listen" when he approached the crossing. The first intimation that he had of the train was when it thundered upon him. The train was then half-way across the tracks and the engine but a few feet distant and moving at a high rate of speed. McCain threw himself forward at the moment of the collision and this act probably saved his life. He did not escape altogether, however, for he was hurled to one side of the track, his right leg being broken, left arm crushed and a severe wound inflicted on his head. The wagon was torn into kindling wood and the horse badly hurt. Several people were standing near the crossing when the accident occurred. They rushed forward at once to render any assistance in their power. An ambulance was summoned and McCain was removed to the Good Samaritan Hospital for treatment. The wounds, while severe, are not necessarily fatal and it is probable that he will recover.

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How Several Little Coons Made a Dainty Meal Out of a Black Runner. "What have you got to say?" a reporter asked Mr. Donald McLaughlin, of Scotland county. It is a dull day when Mr. McLaughlin hasn't something to submit. "It's a snake story," he replied. "I'll stand for it myself, and so will Dr. Shaw and Make Monroe, to say nothing of Dick McPhatter. It all happened in Dick's yard. Dick killed a black runner as long as a hog and as big around as my wrist, and he buried just then in a hurry, did not throw the carcass into the bushes but left it on the yard. When he came back the doctor and Make and with him, he found nothing left but the snake's bones. Since there had been no other animals on the place except a squad of pickaninies and since these kids were even then picking their teeth, all four of us adults thoroughly concluded that they had eaten the black runner."

A NEW SNAKE STORY.

INSPECTING DAIRY HERDS. Dr. Adam Fisher Hard at Work Examining the Several Dairy Herds About the City—The Task a Difficult One. Dr. Adam Fisher, city meat and milk inspector, is one of the busiest men in or about Charlotte. Just at present he is engaged in examining several of the dairies that do business in the city. Four herds of cattle have been inspected so far, these belonging to Messrs. H. C. Dwyer, P. G. Johnson, P. H. Williams and a portion of W. J. Hutchison's. These inspections are very difficult, two days being required to each herd. Not only has the animal itself to be examined thoroughly, but the milk has to be tested in several different ways, four times during the day. Records are kept of every animal examined. All suspects are sent to the city for further examination. So far, there has been but one tubercular cow discovered. She was immediately condemned and killed. Owing to the number of dairies doing business in the city, Dr. Fisher states that several months will elapse before he will be able to finish with them.

Mr. R. W. Stokes Accepts New Position. Mr. R. W. Stokes has discontinued his cotton office at No. 4 North College street, and, commencing Monday, will serve the Highland Park Manufacturing Company in the capacity of assistant superintendent of mills Nos. 1 and 3, succeeding Mr. T. M. Constable, who recently accepted the position of secretary of the D. A. Tompkins Company. Mr. Stokes is an expert cotton spinner, his experience in this department making him an invaluable officer of the Highland Park Manufacturing Company.

Will Mr. J. B. Spence be Named. The Republican precinct primaries are to be held throughout the county next Wednesday for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention which meets in Charlotte Thursday and to name the new members of the county executive committee. Rumor has it that Mr. J. B. Spence, a well-known member of the Charlotte bar, will be elected county chairman, succeeding Mr. D. Kirby Pope, the present incumbent.

Thompson Orphanage School Closes. The closing exercises of the Thompson Orphanage school will take place this evening at 8 o'clock. These little entertainments, while not pretentious are always enjoyable, and the friends of the institution will do much toward encouraging the teachers and children by making a point of being present. All are cordially invited to come.

The First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Sunday school will give a trolley ride to-morrow afternoon, the cars leaving the square at 5 o'clock.

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POWER FOR STATESVILLE. Movement on Foot to Connect Mooresville, Davidson, Cornelius and Intervening Points With Statesville on the Main Electric Line. The party of Southern Power Company officials, consisting of Mr. W. S. Lee, Jr., second vice president and chief engineer, and others, that went over to Statesville Tuesday to confer with a number of progressive business men of that city relative to power for lighting and other purposes, has returned. The members of the party report a most pleasant trip. Mayor J. C. Steele, accompanied by a delegation of prominent citizens, met them at the train and, during their stay in the city, showed them every attention. A largely attended meeting of the Statesville Commercial Club Monday night, it was unanimously decided to hold a general meeting Tuesday for the purpose of discussing and investigating the possibility of the Southern Power Company extending its mains into that city. At this meeting Mr. Lee was called upon to address the assembly on the many advantages of electric drive, and to point out the possibilities for developments which its introduction would open up. Great interest was manifested in the matter by prospective consumers of the power in both large and small amounts. The subject was thoroughly discussed by different gentlemen present. A committee was appointed to visit Mooresville, Davidson, Cornelius and other places that would be on the power line of the Southern Power Company, with a view to co-operation in securing electric power. A committee representing Statesville was also appointed to visit the main points at which are now being operated mills driven by electric current furnished by the Southern Power Company. A committee will investigate the matter thoroughly and make their report. The meeting lasted over two hours, and was very enthusiastic, there being about 100 influential citizens present. In the afternoon Mayor Steele and

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others entertained the visitors by driving them over the city and showing them the different enterprises now using steam which expect, in the near future, to substitute electricity. The action of the citizens of Statesville not only evidenced the kindly feeling entertained towards the power company, but particularly demonstrated the enterprising and progressive business methods of her people.

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