

In an admirable address upon the occasion of the annual commencement of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in the Academy of Music, Baltimore, last Wednesday, Archbishop Gibbons first spoke of the rights of the medical profession and then, as to their obligations, he said: "You should be careful never to allow yourselves to be imbued with Materialism. Your profession tends to this result. Your dealings are with the flesh and blood, with nerves and tendons, with brain, muscle and bone. You see the relation and subordination of one organ to another, and you may be tempted to ignore the existence of a controlling spirit, because you do not observe a soul at the point of your scapel or at the end of a lens. You are brought face to face with physical laws. Now, gentlemen, you might as well question the existence of God because you do not see with your eye His action on this material universe as deny the existence of a soul because it is impalpable to the senses. It seems to me that a thoughtful medical student, who contemplates the anatomy of the human body, the delicate construction of each organ, the adaptability of each to perform its proper functions, the harmony existing between all of them, must admit the presence within the body of a controlling spirit. A shallow physician may be deluded by materialistic notions. To him I would simply say: "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamed of in your philosophy." You will never find an Abercrombie, or a Sir Humphrey Davey, or a Galen, led astray by atheistic notions. One day, after explaining the anatomy of the human body Galen exclaimed: "I have offered to the Eternal a sacrifice more pleasing than goats or oxen." Las Casas, in his memoirs of Napoleon at St. Helena, relates that the dying Emperor held a religious conference with his chaplain in the presence of Dr. Antomarchi. The physician's face seemed to Napoleon to bear an expression of incredulity, though this suspicion was without foundation. "Doctor, can you not believe in God, whose existence everything proclaims, and in whom the greatest minds have believed?" "But, Sir," replied the doctor, "I have never doubted it."

The *New York Observer* makes pleasant allusion to the history of the First Presbyterian Church, of this city, especially in connection with the library of the Rev. Dr. Wilson, who was pastor from 1809 to 1830. One of the trustees bought this library and presented it to the church. The Rev. John Blair Linn was pastor of this church from 1799 to 1804. He was a poet, and in this church library are two copies of his *Valerian* and a poem on the death of Washington. The pastors of the church since Mr. Linn have been; Rev. James P. Wilson, D. D., May 1, 1806, to December 29, 1830; Albert Barnes, June 25 1830, November 18, 1867—emeritus pastor, November 18, 1867, till death, December, 24, 1870; Herrick Johnson, D. D., December 9, 1867, to January 1, 1874; Lawrence M. Colfelt, March 1, 1874, and still pastor. The *Observer* adds: "The place of meeting in Philadelphia for the great Presbyterian Council of all Nations has not yet been definitely determined. This First Church—this mother of them all—if it were large enough would be the appropriate place for the opening sermon. It can seat about 1,200 persons, and the necessity of a far larger house may compel the service elsewhere. But it would be a grand sight to see the representatives of every Presbyterian body of Christians in all the earth assembled for public worship in this the first Presbyterian Church in the city of Philadelphia, the congregation of which was first gathered in 1698, nearly a century before the nation itself was born."—*Philadelphia Times*.

An old woman of the name of Gordon, in the north of Scotland, was listening to the account given in the Scriptures of Solomon's glory, which was read to her by a little female grandchild. When the

girl came to tell of the thousand camels which formed part of the Jewish sovereign's live stock, "Eh, lassie," cried the old woman, "a thousand Campbells, say ye? The Campbells are an auld clan, sure enough, but look and ye dinna see the Gordous too!"

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