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*L. C. Lane.*

EXEGI MONUMENTUM ÆRE PERENNIUS,  
REGALIQUE SITU PYRAMIDUM ALTIUS;  
QUOD NON IMBER EDAX, NON AQUILO IMPOTENS  
POSSIT DIRUERE, AUT INNUMERABILIS  
ANNORUM SERIES ET FUGA TEMPORUM.

HORACE, ODE XXX OF BOOK III.





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TEEN HUNDRED AND TWO

DR. LEVI COOPER LANE, the founder of Cooper Medical College and of Lane Hospital, and the founder and endower of the Lane Course of Medical Lectures, died in San Francisco at a quarter to eleven o'clock in the evening of the eighteenth day of February, 1902. At two o'clock in the afternoon of the ninth of March following, a large audience assembled at Lane Hall of the College for the purpose of doing honor to his memory, the Hall having been profusely decorated with greenery and flowers appropriate to the occasion.

The exercises were opened by the rendering of Mozart's "Lacrymosa" by a quartet of mixed voices. DR. HENRY GIBBONS, JR., the Dean of the College, then spoke as follows:

"Over forty years ago I heard Dr. Lane deliver his first lecture in this city, in the lecture room of the medical department of the University of the Pacific. He

had recently resigned from the Navy, and had spent some time in Europe in study preparatory to accepting the chair of physiology in that college, of which his uncle, Dr. E. S. Cooper, for whom the present college is named, was the leading spirit. My recollection is almost as clear as though it were yesterday — a slender man, dressed in the conventional suit of black, much the same as he dressed in all the succeeding years — concise in speech, clear and accurate in statement, master of his subject, as he was of everything he undertook. During all the following years I have been proud to call him 'guide, philosopher and friend,' and surely no man had a better. For over thirty years it was my pleasure and profit to be associated with him in the affairs of this medical college and its predecessor; and while others will give a detailed account of his life, his aims and his achievements, I cannot let the opportunity pass without a few personal recollections and a more than willing tribute to the many elements of character that raised him above his fellow men. Dr. Lane was the most indefatigable, painstaking and thorough student I have ever known. There was scarce a field of learning that he had not to some extent explored, and his knowledge was accurate and full. One was often surprised at his wide range of information. Studious habits had been formed in youth. German and French were to him familiar tongues. His knowledge of Latin was scholastic. Even late in life it was his custom to read daily a page from some favorite Latin author. His impromptu

thesis, when under examination for the navy was, to the surprise and consternation of his examiners, written in Latin. Remarking once to a surgeon of the navy that Dr. Lane had been in that service, he replied, 'I am well aware of it. It is a tradition in the navy that Dr. Lane passed the best examination of any man who ever entered the service.'

"For many years Dr. Lane devoted a number of the morning hours to reading, investigation and writing. This employment, together with his professional work, was his business, his occupation, his pleasure, his vacation. He needed nothing outside. A year ago, having suggested a vacation and referred to Coronado as a most restful resort, especially in a mental sense, he replied, 'I have never needed recreation to escape work. My work has always been a pleasure to me.' On another occasion he said: 'I once wrote eight pages every day; then I wrote six, then four, then two, then one, and now none.' This told the sad story of his gradually diminishing physical powers, for his mind was as clear and his memory as faithful as ever. It has been a marvel to me that with a far from vigorous physique, he was enabled to accomplish so much. A few months since, referring to a recent work on surgery by Dr. Senn, he remarked that it indicated an immense amount of work. Upon my suggesting that *be*, Dr. Lane, had also accomplished a great amount of work, he replied, deprecatingly, 'Yes, for a man who has never been entirely well. In my childhood,' added he, 'I was