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Τί τόδ' ἄχθομαι
φθόνον ἀμειβόμενον τὰ καλὰ ἔργα;
φαντί γε μὰν οὕτω κεν ἀνδρὶ παρμονίμην
θάλλοισαν εὐδαιμονίαν
τὰ καὶ τὰ φέρεσθαι.

PINDAR, *Pyth.* vii. 19.

TO

GEORGE BURROWS, M.D., F.R.S., D.C.L.,

PRESIDENT OF THE

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF ENGLAND,

WHOSE OWN ATTAINMENTS,

WHOSE SYMPATHY WITH THE INTELLECTUAL ACTIVITY

AND PROGRESS OF OTHERS,

WHOSE UNSWERVING DISCHARGE OF GREAT, AND WHOSE

CONSCIENTIOUS FULFILMENT OF DETAIL DUTIES,

FURNISHED FOR MANY YEARS A VALUABLE EXAMPLE

TO THE

STUDENTS OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL,

THIS HARVEIAN ORATION

IS GRATEFULLY DEDICATED

BY ONE OF HIS FORMER PUPILS.

OXFORD, 1873.

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MR. PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS:—A man whose lot it is to live away from London may well feel some diffidence in accepting an invitation to lecture before a metropolitan audience; and, Sir, when you honoured me by requesting me to deliver this year's Harveian Oration, I felt and expressed this natural hesitation. I wish to record that you pointed out to me that my function in Oxford was to pursue and lecture publicly upon the very subjects with which Harvey occupied himself; and I suggested to myself that what could with any propriety form the substance of a course of lectures in the one place, could, *mutatis mutandis*, furnish materials for an address in the other. I felt besides, that, as the President of the College of Physicians is by virtue of his office one of the five electors