"Ipse Hippocrates medicinæ pater discipulos suos jurejurando obstrinxisse dicitur, sese magistri sui filiis artem medicam nullâ acceptâ mercede esse tradituros, quanto autem præstantius est hunc Hippocratis discipulum nullo jurejurando devinctum sed suâ sponte motum, non jam in suorum præceptorum progeniem sed in aliensæ Academiæ adolescentes tantum beneficium gratis contulisse. Tu vero qui alumnis nostris magno cum fructu medicæ artis magister sponte exhibisti honoris causâ artium magister nobis esto." Dr. Bacon was then admitted to the degree of M.A. in the usual manner.—*Brit. Med. Journal, Nov.* 10.

THE PROFITS OF LITERATURE.

Longfellow is independent in circumstances—probably worth 100,000 dols. to 200,000 dols.; but the greatest part of it has come through his wife, long since deceased, who was rich in her own right.

Emerson has not made from his remarkable little volumes over 20,000 dols. He has gained nearly as much more by lecturing; and yet, by excellent management, which one might not expect from the high idealist, and by a serene philosophy of a practical sort, he continues to live on his small property.

Bryant is often cited as an instance of a rich author. He is rich, but not by authorship. All the money he has directly earned by his pen, outside of his journal, would not exceed, in all probability, 25,000 dols., notwithstanding his estate is estimated at 500,000 dols.

Hawthorn was poor to his dying day, and might have suffered but for his appointment to the consulship at Liverpool by his friend, President Pierce.

Lowell was independent in circumstances—no thanks to his fine poetry and essays, however.

Whittier, like most thrifty New Englanders, owns his own house, and beneath its humble roof, it is said, he has subsisted—he is a batchelor, you know—on 500 dols. a year.

Holmes is well off by the practice of the medical profession, by marriage, and inheritance, albeit not by poems, lectures, novels, nor "Autocrats of the Breakfast Table." All that he has written has not brought him 25,000 dols.

J. G. Holland is frequently named as an author who has amassed wealth. His books have sold as largely as those of any American writer, and, whatever may be thought of his ability, he still has a vast constituency. He is not at all rich in the New York sense; he may be worth 200,000 dols., but most of this he has got by his partnership in the "Springfield Republican."

George William Curtis is dependent on his salary from the Harpers; so is Mr. William D. Howells dependent upon his editorship of the "Atlantic"; Brete Harte, T. B. Aldrich, James Parton, J. T. Trowbridge, R. H. Stoddard, and T. W. Higginson, mainly upon fugitive writing.—*Printer's Circular.*

Appointments.

BROOK, C., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.L., has been appointed an Honorary Surgeon to the Lincoln Lunatic Hospital, vice Broadbent, deceased.

CHEVALLIER, B., M.D., M.R.C.P.L., has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Borough of Ipswich Lunatic asylum, vice Long, resigned.

JONES, D. J., M.B., C.M., has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Somersetshire Lunatic Asylum, Wells, vice Adam, resigned.

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