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# Quotes by Osler, Sir William

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Sir William Osler (July 12, 1849 – December 29, 1919) was a Canadian physician. He has been called one of the greatest icons of modern medicine, the Father of Modern Medicine, which is what he himself considered Avicenna to be.

Study until twenty five, investigate until forty, profession until sixty, at which age I would have him retired on a double allowance.

- Osler, Sir William

The first duties of the physician is to educate the masses not to take medicine.

- Osler, Sir William

The greater the ignorance the greater the dogmatism.

- Osler, Sir William

The natural man has only two primal passions, to get and to beget.

- Osler, Sir William

There is a form of laughter that springs from the heart, heard every day in the merry voice of childhood, the expression of a laughter -- loving spirit that defies analysis by the

philosopher, which has nothing rigid or mechanical in it, and totally without social significance. Bubbling spontaneously from the heart of child or man. Without egotism and full of feeling, laughter is the music of life.

- Osler, Sir William

Variability is the law of life, and as no two faces are the same, so no two bodies are alike, and no two individuals react alike and behave alike under the abnormal conditions which we know as disease.

- Osler, Sir William

We are here to add what we can to life, not to get what we can from it.

- Osler, Sir William

Medicine is a science of uncertainty and an art of probability.

- Osler, Sir William

The desire to take medicine is perhaps the greatest feature which distinguishes man from animals.

- Osler, Sir William

To have striven, to have made the effort, to have been true to certain ideals -- this alone is worth the struggle.

- Osler, Sir William

When schemes are laid in advance, it is surprising how often the circumstances will fit in with them.

- Osler, Sir William

Half of us are blind, few of us feel, and we are all deaf.

- Osler, Sir William

Look wise say nothing and grunt, speech was given to conceal thought.

- Osler, Sir William

What is the student but a lover courting a fickle mistress who ever eludes his grasp?

- Osler, Sir William

Work is the open sesame of every portal, the great equalizer in the world, the true philosopher's stone which transmutes all the base metal of humanity into gold.

- Osler, Sir William





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