

OSLER'S NOTES

The practitioner is frequently consulted for foul breath, and is daily made aware of its wide-spread prevalence. Too often he is himself the subject of the condition, to the disgust of his patients, with whom he has to come into such close contact.

(Source: The Principles and Practice of Medicine, 439.)

How comforting to the general practitioner is the wise counsel of the specialist. We take him a case that has puzzled and annoyed us, the diagnosis of which is uncertain, and we consult in vain the unwritten records of our

experience and the printed records of our books. He labels it in a few minutes as a coleopterist [insect specialist] would a beetle, and we feel grateful for the accuracy of his information and happy in the possession of the label.

(Source: Remarks on Specialism. Boston Med Surg J 1892; 126; 457-9.)

The teacher's life should have three periods, study until twenty-five, investigation until forty, profession until sixty, at which age I would have him retired on a double allowance.

(Source: The Fixed Period, In Aequanimitas, 383.)