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THIS honored physician, who died suddenly on Friday, the 5th of February, was born in Salem in the year 1805. He took his first degree at Harvard College in 1824, and that of Doctor of Medicine at the same institution in 1827. After practising a few years in Salem he removed to Boston, where he married the eldest daughter of the late Dr. James Jackson. His practice was more especially in obstetrics and the diseases of women, on which subjects he made occasional communications to the profession through the journals. With the exception of these and of a translation of the treatise of Louis on Bloodletting, he did nothing to make himself very widely known. But the profession of his native State was not unacquainted with his merits and standing, and in 1869 conferred the highest honor in their gift upon him by choosing him President of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

There are men enough whose names are famous, so that when they are seen in the list of the dead all the world recognizes them, and yet who are not much missed by any immediate circle. And there are other men not much known beyond the limits of the community in which they live, whose loss falls heavily on many hearts, whose eulogy, however brief, comes mingled with regrets from the lips of all who knew them and speaks only what they feel. The good clergyman who has been the teacher and adviser and consoler of his little flock, the good physician who has done all that his skill and devotion could do for his trusting patients, often stand in this relation to the many and the few; to the world at large, on the one hand, and on the other to that lesser world which encompasses every man and in which he is held at his true value for his genuine human qualities.

Such a man was Dr. Putnam. Except for the public honor conferred upon him unsought, his life was passed remote from general observation, in the noiseless and inconspicuous discharge of his duties as a physician.



Grave in aspect, cheerful in temperament, gentle, quiet, kindly, sympathetic, nature marked him for the calling he had chosen. Good judgment, which in a physician is worth all the showy gifts that make men shine in other walks of life, was his leading characteristic. He gave himself to his profession without reserve, fulfilling the one condition essential to the best kind of success; and thus acquired the confidence which is reposed only in the practitioner who lives entirely for his sacred duties.

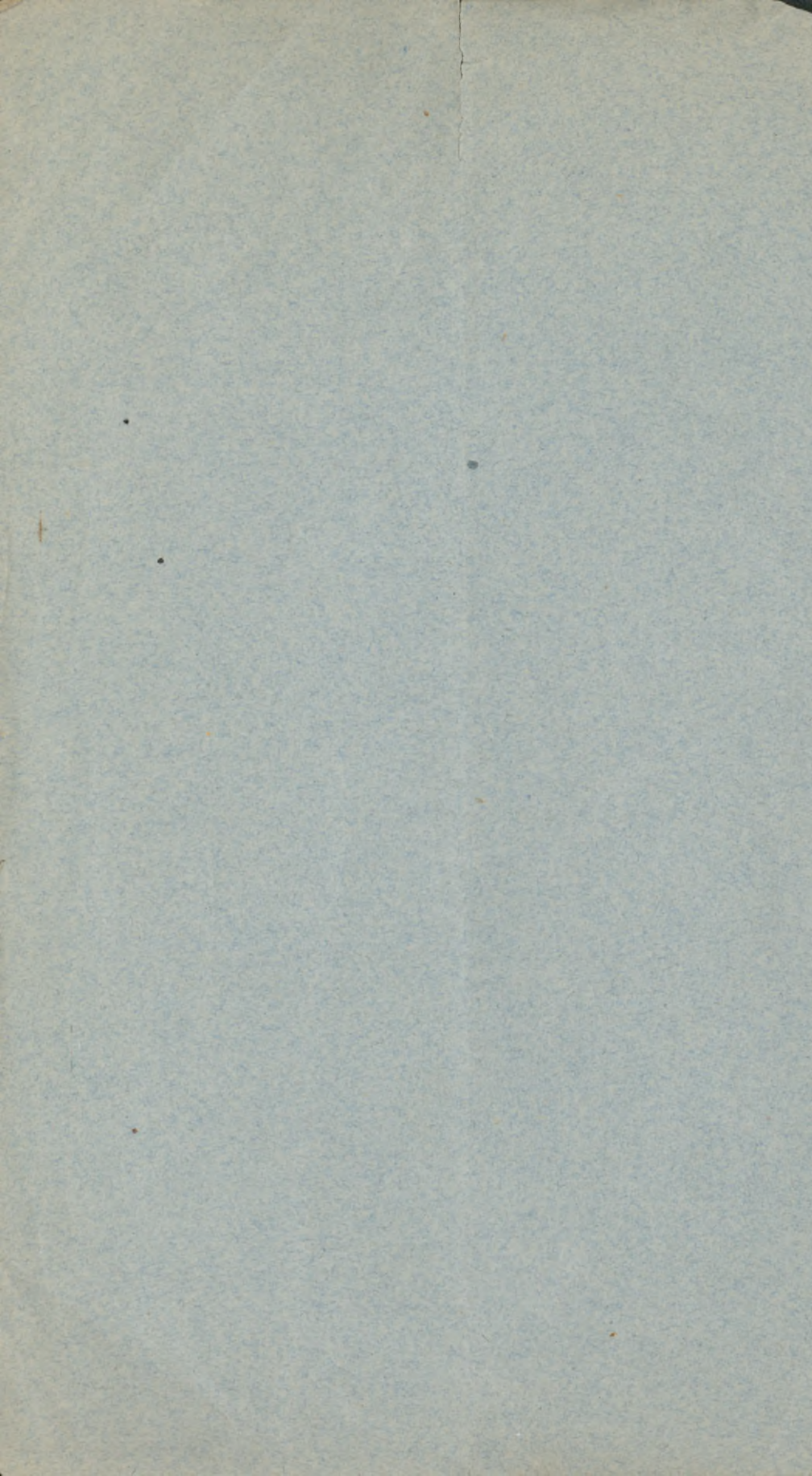
Dr. Putnam's marriage brought him naturally into close professional relations with Dr. James Jackson. All the experience of that true master of the healing art became familiar to his son-in-law in their constant intercourse. To be with Dr. Jackson was an education such as many who cross the seas and come home full of the latest novelties of science never get. One may study the inside of a clock for a long time, and lay it down without being able to tell what is the hour of day. So there is a great deal of knowledge relating to the internal bodily mechanism, curious, interesting, now and then valuable, but which, so far as the well being of any given patient is concerned, is quite insignificant as compared with that bedside clairvoyance, often found in sagacious practitioners whose scientific acquirements are somewhat defective, which sees in the patient's attitude, expression, voice, movements, and all outward signs, the state of those vital forces which it is the physician's chief business to support, to restrain, to modify, as he watches them from day to day or from hour to hour. Dr. Putnam, like his revered master, was a man whose place was at the bedside, rather than in any of the laboratories of unapplied science, where the special qualities that make the practitioner are less called for and less appreciated.

We lament the loss of those who study science for its own sake. But we feel a deeper personal grief at the loss of those who use their knowledge directly for our need; who stand by us and ours in the time of suffering and peril, and give themselves — all their mind and heart and strength — to our service as long as our necessity requires.

One of these best-beloved friends has just left us. His merits were far beyond his pretensions, and the universal esteem in which he was held was their true measure. He has filled the full term of human life with days of modest and unheralded usefulness; none more free from blame, none more deserving of honorable remembrance. His life has helped, unconsciously to himself, to form the character of the profession in the city where he practised. He did not strive nor cry, nor did any man

hear his voice in the streets ; but as he loved the sweet accords of music, so he loved the placid harmonies of life and shamed its discordant clamors, when such arose, by his peaceful equanimity.

His life has rounded itself to a perfect close. He has bequeathed his name and character to children whose promise has rewarded all his hopes. Summoned, not without timely, but gentle warning, he has been released from the growing burdens of age, and the threatened prospect of years when he might have to say there is no pleasure in them, as quietly as the leaf falls when the season is ended.



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