

### III.

## **Congratulations from America on the Occasion of the Seventieth Birthday**

of

Geh. Rat Prof. **Hermann Schwartz**.

---

The seventieth birthday of Hermann Schwartz is a most appropriate occasion to celebrate and to take a retrospective glance into the past to see what has been accomplished since the time when the „Altmeister der Ohrenheilkunde“ went forth alone, a pioneer in the then unknown field of aural surgery, braving the adverse criticism of the general surgeons of the day to promulgate the teachings, which his keen grasp of Otology had already discerned to be correct, and which are today the accepted doctrine the world over.

After Schwartz had led the way and opened up the path through the primeval wilderness, it was easier for others to follow, and so the development of aural surgery progressed through the efforts of Küster, Zaufal, Stacke, and others, until there came the final triumph of Grunert, with his „Ausräumung des Bulbus Venae Jugularis.“ In Grunerts brilliant achievement, emanating, as it did, from the Hallenser clinic, may be traced again the guiding hand of his chief. Thus the progress of ear-surgery passes rapidly in review, and we realize what Schwartz has contributed to the Science of Otology and to humanity. But an adequate appreciation of the value and importance of Schwartzes work can only be had when one considers how many suffering victims of aural disease have been

relieved, and how many lives have been rescued through the inauguration of the surgical treatment of Otitis Media Suppurativa.

In no quarter of the globe, however, has the influence of Schwartzes teachings borne richer fruit than in America, and such men as Gruening, Blake, Mackernon, Whiting were not slow in applying with most encouraging results the methods of the Hallenser clinic. And hence we, on this side of the Atlantic, in most grateful recognition of the debt we owe to Schwartz and his School join in most sincere and hearty congratulations on this memorable occasion, — particularly those of us who have been privileged to study at the feet of the „Altmeister“, and to learn from his own lips the words of truth. He has led us onward and upward, and inspired us with humanity and science as our precepts and watch-words. He has illumined ways that were in utter darkness, and on a barren field of Science has made the flowers blossom forth. We bend in reverence and acknowledge him our master.

Palmarum qui meruit ferrat.

Dr. J. M. West, Baltimore, U. St. A.

---