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DINNER IN HONOR OF DR. KEEN

ON January 20, 1921, a dinner was tendered to Dr. William Williams Keen, the eminent Philadelphia surgeon, at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel, in Philadelphia, in celebration of his eighty-fourth birthday. Dr. Keen had recently returned from Europe, whither he had gone in the summer of 1920, to preside at the meeting in Paris, of the Société Internationale de Chirurgie, of which he had been elected president in 1914, and the meetings of which had been of necessity suspended during the war. Everywhere abroad he had been received with honors befitting his position as President of this Society, and as the leader and dean of American surgery. It was thought an appropriate time for the friends and admirers of Dr. Keen in this country, to show their appreciation of his many achievements as physician, scientist, educator, man of letters, and patriotic American. The occasion proved to be one of the most remarkable tributes ever tendered a private citizen in Philadelphia. Between five and six hundred subscribers, representing all parts of the country, and all of the learned professions, and the fields of diplomacy, industry, finance, and the public services, joined in honoring Dr. Keen.

The presiding officer and toastmaster was his close friend and colleague, Dr. George E. deSchweinitz, professor of ophthalmology in the University of Pennsylvania, and like Dr. Keen, a former president of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, the premier medical society of the United States. The speakers, who dwelt on various phases of the activities of Dr. Keen's long and busy life, had all been closely associated with him in one or more of these fields of work. The list included the following gentlemen: Dr. J. Chalmers DaCosta, his one-time assistant, now Gross professor of surgery, in the Jeffer-

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