

daily in contact with patients of all classes, now it is too often the case that Hospital practice is the only variety seen, and the sudden change to private practice is found rather trying. Time soon remedies this, and every case successfully treated adds to the confidence you feel in your own powers. Fortunately, the first patients are among the poor, who are less exacting, more easily pleased, and more disposed to make allowances for a young practitioner than the upper classes. You have of course entered the Profession of Medicine with a view of obtaining a livelihood ; but in dealing with your patients let this always be a secondary consideration. It has been well said, "No one should approach the temple of science with the soul of a money-changer." Let the spirit of our Medical moralist, Sir Thomas Browne, whose *Religio Medici* I would commend to your perusal, actuate you. He says "Let me be sick myself, if sometimes the malady of my patient be not a disease unto me ; I desire rather to cure his infirmities than my own necessities ; where I do him no good methinks it is scarce honest gain, though, I confess, 'tis but the worthy salary of our well intended endeavours." Upon your relations to fellow-practitioners, allow me to offer you a few words of counsel. It is a fact well known to you all that the great opprobrium of our Profession, especially in the small towns, is the constant rivalry and distrust of one another displayed by its members. That men whose high calling ought to bind them closely together, and whose interests are so much in common, should thus disagree, is a matter deeply to be regretted ; and, I would urge upon you, during your, let me hope, prosperous career, to do all that may lie in your power to remove this scandal from our midst. A little watchfulness when commencing practice may prevent it entirely in your own circle, and you may thus have your brother practitioners as friends not enemies. The evil, I regret to say, is generally traceable to the patients. You will not be engaged in practice many weeks before one seeks you who has been under the care of some other medical man. He or she