

pathy for his patients, and the general public will not place us where every member of our profession should stand.

In meetings such as this much has been said about our conduct towards each other, and it is sometimes not what it should be. Conscientious work combined with abnegation of self in the interests of suffering mankind would ultimately result in such a general application of the Golden Rule, that we would credit each other with such honesty of purpose, that we would be less inclined to misunderstand each other. Conditions in our profession have so materially improved during the life of this Association that only a passing reference may be made to this subject. To quote from our code—"Diversity of opinion and opposition of interest may in the medical, as in other professions, sometimes occasion controversy and even contention. Whenever such cases unfortunately occur, and cannot be immediately terminated, they should be referred to the arbitration of a sufficient number of physicians or a Court-Medical." My interpretation of that article is, that if Dr. A. is of the opinion that Dr. B. has used him unprofessionally, Dr. A. should endeavor to have that misunderstanding "immediately terminated" by conferring with Dr. B., and only refer the matter to the Court-Medical after such effort to arrive at a proper understanding has proven futile. Furthermore, if Dr. A., smarting from a supposed "injustice at the hands of Dr. B." resorts to the Court-Medical without trying by conference with Dr. B. to amicably settle the difference of opinion, he, himself, is the aggressor.

Although conditions in our profession are much better than they were at one time, there is still room for improvement. Let us become better acquainted with each other, meet each other more frequently, reach a higher level, and avoid making careless remarks when speaking of each other; remember the good and ignore the evil, if we know or suspect that such exists. Regular attendance upon this and similar Associations would do much to keep down petty jealousy and strife. By attaining the ideal in this and combining our energies in work for the benefit of humanity, even much more would be accomplished than has been up to the present time. Let us forget all disturbing elements in our profession and keep before us the motto of this Association:—"Concordia Crescimus."

What are we doing for the public?

The following quotation from MacFie's "Romance of Medicine" gives some examples of what modern science has spared the public from:—

To cure dropsy. "Take a good quantity of black snails, stamp them well with bay salt, and lay to the hollow of the feet, putting fresh twice a day."