

"life be never the same again." There is still the one great and greatest relationship of life to which I will address myself, but only for a brief period—I mean the conduct of our profession to the "religious" element in our nature. Here we have nothing whatever to do with the creeds, be they hoary with age or flushed with the bloom of youth; all that I mean is that we, members of the medical profession, have to deal with those to whom these creeds mean much, and are, with what they entail to many, the be-all and end-all of existence. I am not thinking for a moment of the few substitutes proposed for religious faith, but referring only to that which relates those who entertain it to the Higher Power, the source of revelation, and of good and hope, far other than is to be found in themselves or in humanity, be it in the future or the past. I am sure that in giving the help we hope and ought to give to suffering and sorrowing man, we shall do nothing worthy of the name unless we realize, and that to the full, the importance of this factor in our lives and theirs; and so guide its operation as to help it to chasten, subdue, control, and comfort those to whom it is the minister that they feel to be sent from God to help them in their passage through this region of passing shadows to that of realities which are abiding things. (Cheers.)—*Sir F. Russell Reynolds, President of the British Medical Association.*

WHAT THE PARENTS DESIRE.—"What ought to be done in justice to the parents of this country?" The parents of this country desire, I believe, to have the option, at all events, of sending their children to schools where they will be educated according to their own religious convictions (hear, hear). Are they to be deprived of this privilege by the action of the Education Department or by

the action of the Government, and, if we find that, by the inevitable operation of causes sufficiently obvious in themselves, the Voluntary Schools are being squeezed out of existence, and if we can foresee at no distant date the inevitable result that every child in England will of necessity, or may of necessity, be educated in a school where definite religious education is not permitted by law, can you contemplate such a result without some natural and justifiable alarm, and are we not bound in the interests of parents—not in the interests of sects, not in the interests of any particular denomination, but in the interests of parents, who, surely, commit no great error when they desire to bring up their children in the faith in which they themselves believe—(cheers)—are we not bound in their interests to do something substantial to preserve the Voluntary Schools upon which alone their hopes repose, and do that something quickly? (Hear, hear.) My belief, at all events, is that this is one of the questions which we can least afford to neglect, and which we least ought to neglect.—*Mr. Balfour to his constituents.*

Let me conclude by urging all to cultivate the professional spirit, which makes the workman love his work for its own sake. Let us place the interests of our pupils above all personal considerations. Let us be ready to learn better ways of working from any source whatever—from the learned lectures of university professors and from the lips of little children—from the far East, or the far West—or from our progressive next-door neighbours across the disputed territory. Let the federal spirit invade education.—*H. F. Rix.*

It is an undoubted fact that all remarkable men have had remarkable mothers.—*Dickens.*