

fulness and soft steps and use kind words with them. The possession of humanity, or the lack of it, in a physician can in no way be so accurately judged as when he is questioning and examining the sick. The soothing voice, the soft touch, gentle manner, etc., all do a great deal to soften the pillow of sorrow and affliction.

When called to attend a case, previously under the care of another practitioner, especially if the patient and friends are dissatisfied with the treatment or if the case is likely to prove fatal, do not disparage the previous attendant by expressing the wish that you had been called in sooner, or criticize his conduct or his remedies. It is mean and cowardly to do either. In all such cases do not fail to reply to the questions of the patient, or his enquiring friends, that your duty is with the present and future, not with the past. Refuse either to examine or criticize the superseded practitioner's medicine and treatment. To take mean advantage of any one you have superseded, besides being morally wrong, might engender a professional hornet which in retaliation would watch with malignant eye and sting fiercely whenever opportunity occurred.

*Intemperance.* The wisest policy for you, as a beginner, is to personally avoid intoxicating drinks and to allow others to do as they think best. And when it becomes known that you abstain from intoxicants you will find that it will greatly enhance your position and reputation. To take a prominent part, however, in temperance, etc., will not only be injudicious but will very likely recoil upon yourself. This forms no part of your special mission and you cannot take an active officious part therein without exciting enmity.

*Demeanor.* Study to maintain towards your patients a becoming degree of calm and courteously impressive dignity. Frivolous conduct, vulgar jokes, great levity, and undue familiarity are unprofessional and tend to engender contempt and may haply give rise to scandal.

Discourage all attempts to address you with a "Hello Doc" or by your christian name, unless on terms of intimate friendship, or in any way to pass the limit of propriety. Give to everyone his proper title and exact the same in return. Do not, however, misunderstand me and infer that I condemn good fellowship, not so, for when according with good taste and in moderation it is often very appropriate and sometimes acts as a tonic on the drooping spirits of a patient.

*Marriage.* If it be that you are unmarried it will, no doubt, be often cited against you. Nevertheless, I believe that, de facto, no material professional advantage accrues to a practitioner simply from being married. The substantially true objection lies not in his celibacy, but his youthfulness, and my practical impression is that a like objection obtains in the case of youthful benedict. To marry, therefore, solely with an eye to practice, would be to entail responsibility and expense without corresponding benefit.

Always entertain and show respect for your seniors in practice. There is probably no type of practitioner more unworthy of respect than the one who evinces contempt for his seniors.

Let me earnestly impress upon you the paramount duty of paying all due and proper respect to religion. Your profession will often bring