

large questions involved in the decision. On the other hand, it has, from time to time, lately, in our country, been found necessary to reinforce and strengthen our code by additional declarations, and I think to some extent in yours; the need for a stringent upholding and development of the code has also become a question of the day. I think it is clear that if ever there were such necessity, at no time could it be stronger than at the present moment. For under the stress of the modern social development, under pressure of the modern temptation for advertising and the severity of competition, in view of the arts of those who make advertisement a business and a profit; in presence of the temptations held out to draw medical men from the ancient paths of modesty and self-effacement, there are now stronger reasons than ever to fortify ourselves against growing and innumerable seductions by a code so exact, so far reaching, that the physician need never be in doubt as to what is his duty in any complication, or in the face of any doubtful case in which he may be inclined to give himself the benefit of the doubt.

But, first of all, I want to elaborate the view that our rules of medical etiquette stand upon a logical and strong basis, and that their strict enforcement is for the benefit of the public, at least as much, if not even more, than for the benefit of the profession. Medical etiquette has been sneered at by shallow cynicism as mere trades unionism. It is, on the contrary, a self-denying code which is made in the interests of pure morality, and for the benefit of the public far more than for the interests of the profession. This allegation of trades unionism is the converse of that of inutility, which those who are prone to call themselves of the younger school allege; but not even the youngest of us, as you know, are infallible, and in this matter it is the youngest who are most likely to go wrong. They proclaim themselves liberals. Is it, however, in some cases, the liberalism of Gallio? Let us look at this matter from the largest and most liberal standpoint. Let us begin by comparing our code with the standards of the legal profession.

My distinguished friend, Sir Edward Clarke, lately the