

that there is often room for honest difference of opinion. We sometimes hear it said that doctors differ. Of course they differ. And so do all men who are not mere machines, men who reflect, weigh evidence, balance probabilities, and use their own judgment and common sense. The clergy differ—witness the multiplicity of sects and parties, the wide divergence of opinion and belief in the religious world. Lawyers and judges differ—witness the elaborate machinery of our courts, with appeal, review and final appeal, one court modifying or reversing the finding of another. Philosophers, men of science, politicians, political economists, thoughtful men everywhere differ—and so do doctors. In the practice of your profession, not only is there room for honest difference of *opinion*; there is room also for honest difference in *treatment*. You wish to go from McGill College to the Post Office; you have your choice of many different ways, each of which will eventually bring you to your destination—some longer, some shorter, some pleasanter than others; if time is no object you may go around by Cote St. Antoine, and yet finally reach the Post Office. Your choice of road is really very much a matter of taste and urgency. So you will find in practice, the same end may be accomplished in many different ways; the ultimate choice of method being largely a question of taste and tact on the part of the practitioner. How very foolish and unjust, therefore, to criticise the methods of a confrère and act as if your own way was the right way, the *only* right way. The wise man is always glad to learn from his neighbours, observing wherein their methods are better than his, and modifying his own accordingly.

*Duties to Science.*—Besides our more immediate duties to our patients, there are other indirect obligations none the less binding. We cannot directly repay our parents for their love and care to us during our infancy and childhood. We repay them indirectly by bestowing like care upon our children. So in medicine, from the past we inherit the accumulated knowledge and experience of the ages; it is incumbent upon us not only to transmit this goodly inheritance unimpaired but also to contribute all we can to increase the store. Science entrusts us with various talents; in return she demands from us a profitable service. The best men in the profession everywhere