

drain, without disgracing even the self-respect that chimney-sweeps and the lowest laborers possess. They are made of the sort of clay that prefers to reach an aim by crooked means, rather than by scrupulous and honorable conduct, even if the latter were to give them half the trouble. One might despair of the profession were it not for the fact, that the vicious and unscrupulous are not peculiar to the healing of the body any more than to the healing of the soul. There are rascals in the very pulpit. We must expect them in medicine and dentistry.

There is always this consolation—that honesty and unselfishness come right in the long run. It pays to be a gentleman. In spite of theatrical training, it is doubtful if ever a low-minded man could act the gentleman, no matter how much he tries. The cloven foot always appears under the mask of gentility. It is easier for a true gentleman to act the knave. We must remember this in dealing with the professional outlaw, who voluntarily puts himself outside the pale of professional respect by reason of his instinctive immorality. Let young men entering practice, pause and count the cost of playing the role of the advertising liar and fraud. However much the public may be humbugged, the profession know just how to measure transgressions of the code of ethics. A gentleman, however humble, may rise to the highest honors his confreres have to bestow. An advertising fraud, though he repent in sackcloth and ashes, can *never* regain the respect he deliberately ignored.

“Waiting To Do Something Great.”

Thousands of able writers never publish anything, because they are waiting for the time and opportunity to write something great. The result is, they are no nearer their ambition when they die, than when they were born. A quaint friend of ours has a hobby in the shape of an affection for the kangaroo. He owns a pair of them. He is a practical artist in prosthetic dentistry. If you visit his laboratory, you get many hints that would enrich the pages of any dental journal. But he has never published a line, either on the kangaroo or on dentistry, though he has over a hundred pages of original manuscript on the teeth of his pet Australian mammalia. One day he demonstrated to several of us the beauti-