

a profession which permits of agreeable dalliance and pleasant coquetting with duties; bow to your senses and infallibly sloth will enervate—emasculate you; cultivate all your endowments, physical and intellectual, and you will be strengthened and sustained in your purpose and in your toil: for in reality your physical endurance will be taxed as much as your mental, and as fatiguingly; often will you with no laughing recollection recall Acre's courage oozing from his finger's ends, when you fancy your own strength oozing out of every pore, and this especially when universal panic extends over the land, and when you will form part of a small yet devoted band on whose abiding labor the community depends for cheering influence, for hope and for life; gird up your loins for such exigencies which try the "heart and reins." But, while there is much to excite anxiety there is likewise much to inspire and sustain, and even to make you mayhap elate, but never I trust arrogant; bear no haughty crest because success may follow in your footsteps; place not too high a valuation on your apparent triumphs over disease, but let all be referred to the Great Physician whose instrument you, for the time, are, and let your duties and your actions concurrently illustrate and proclaim the Dweller on High. And now, brothers in profession and in feeling, for have we not often taken counsel together, go forth; the dawn of your day already has arisen, it rosily floods your horizon; in your meridian go forth to your toil, do your utmost to "stay the pulse of ebbing life, to arrest the infected winds, or to smite the hungry spectre of the grave;" go—fulfill your mission, and in the eventide verily you shall have your reward.

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ART. II... *Synchronous Double Amputations.* By W. MARSDEN, M.D., Governor Col. Phy. and Surgeons, I.C., &c.

*Nelson's American Lancet* contains an article from the pen of Wolfred Nelson, M.D., Montreal, entitled, "Simultaneous procedure in Double Operations," in which allusion is made to the proposal of Prof. Carnochan, of the New York Medical College, "to convert the double operation into one, by severing the limbs in immediate succession, as soon as the anæsthetic influence of chloroform is produced, where it becomes necessary to amputate both limbs."

This subject is one of some importance in our northern latitudes, where from accidents of climate the necessity of double amputation is not of unfrequent occurrence.

Dr. Nelson says, "I was of opinion many years ago, that when the terrible alternative is presented both members should be removed simul-