

of the name when it receives the sanction and approval of those who are best able to judge of its merits. The specialist who cannot command the respect and esteem of his confrères in the general profession is not fit for his calling ; but to attain this distinction something more than a mere newspaper announcement is necessary. In addition to a thorough course of medical training, there should be a special aptitude for the particular work to be done ; then long years of patient labor and a vast clinical experience of a certain kind are essential in the education of the specialist who desires to gain a lasting reputation. The extraordinary literary activity of the present day requires all the spare time even of the specialist to keep *au courant* with what is being done in his own department. I can vouch for the correctness of this statement, at least as far as the specialty which I have the honor to represent is concerned, and I have little doubt those engaged in other departments can say the same. Moreover, a knowledge of several modern languages is almost indispensable if one would keep abreast with the tide of progress. The fact that diseases of particular organs are usually more or less connected with, and dependant upon, derangements of other portions of the economy involves the necessity of a tolerably intimate acquaintance with general pathology and therapeutics, and it often falls to the lot of the specialist to supply valuable information in the diagnosis of diseases not strictly within his own province. Taking all these circumstances into consideration, there should be, and I feel confident the time is almost at hand when there will be, no antagonism between the thoroughly trained specialist and the general practitioner. On the contrary, they are natural allies and by combining their knowledge they can not only benefit each other but often render the most invaluable services to their clients.

I do not wish to convey the impression that the specialist should claim the right to treat every case of disease that occurs in the part of the body he is supposed to know all about. Such a claim would, indeed, be unjust and absurd, and with the multiplication of specialties now recognized would leave the general practitioner