

liver. Sir William Jenner, who was called in, with characteristic frankness pronounced the disease to be cancer, for which there was nothing to be done, and went his way. The friends thus left to struggle with a hopeless situation sought counsel of another oracle. Sir Andrew Clark was summoned, and after careful examination agreed that there was a tumor which was not indeed of a benignant character, but which, if not exactly curable, could be considerably alleviated by the resources of medical science. Sir Andrew continued to attend the patient till his death several months afterwards; and even if his life was not prolonged, it was certainly made much less burdensome to himself and to those about him by the physician's *savoir faire*.

Don't tell your neurasthenic there is nothing the matter with him; it is not the truth.

Another conveys a counsel of perfection which it is often quite impossible to follow in practice—

If you cannot tell a patient the truth, don't tell him anything.

Perhaps the most valuable of all Dr. Rockwell's maxims is the following:

Possess yourself of an irresistible, indestructible optimism. It is the keystone of the arch, success.

We are reminded of the story of Sir Richard Quain's professional *début*. When a young man he was taken by an experienced physician to see a serious case. Before entering the sick room he composed his features to a gravity which he thought appropriate to the occasion, but was at once rebuked by his mentor, who exclaimed: "For heaven's sake, man, don't look so funereal! The poor devil will think you are the undertaker!"—*London Practitioner*.

FREE CONSUMPTION HOSPITAL.—The New Year season has brought to the trustees of the Free Hospital for Consumptives at Gravenhurst the following subscriptions: H. P. Dwight, \$500; Jos. Leslie, \$300; E. B. Osier, M.P., \$100; Walter Mann, \$50; Dr. E. A. White, Kinmount, \$50; The Patterson Manufacturing Co., \$25; Park, Blackwell & Co., \$25; Mrs. J. H. Mitchell, \$25; J. A. Allan, Perth, \$25; Bishop of Huron, \$10; J. A. Graham, \$10; Robert MacLaren, St. Catharines, \$10; MacLaren & Co., Limited, St. Catharines, \$10. The beneficiary societies in all parts of the Dominion are, with few exceptions, sending contributions ranging from \$2 to \$15 each. The Public and High Schools, Sunday Schools, and Church Societies have also been generous in their givings.