

affairs. When we rid humanity of superstition, we will cure them of their faith in fads and nostrums.

Finally, allow me to make a few remarks upon the conduct of members of our own profession. We are not all, I am afraid, entirely free from the suspicion of quackery. Occasionally we read in the daily papers glowing accounts of wonderful operations performed by such and such a doctor and of miraculous cures effected by some other member of the profession. If medical men are capable of performing these great feats in the healing art, they do not require such advertising. Their deeds will speak for them. Again, gentlemen, ours is supposed to be an honourable profession and the members thereof ought to be honourable men. Every now and then, however, we hear murmurs that such and such a doctor has acted unfairly toward another member of the profession. Surely this is not as it should be. I am well aware that many of these little frictions would be avoided, if the parties concerned could only come together and talk the matter over. The mountain, in many cases, would be found to be only a mole-hill. Our motto so far as concerns our relations with other practitioners should be "Do unto others as ye would that others should do unto you."

Now, gentlemen, I have perhaps wearied you. If so, I apologize. My aim has been to bring under your notice a few matters which appear to me to be of importance to members of our profession, and this I have done mainly in the hope that what I have said will provoke discussion. In your remarks I trust you will be as frank as I have endeavoured to be. Gentlemen, I thank you for your attention.

NOTES ON OPERATIVE WORK IN SOME OF THE NEW YORK HOSPITALS.

THE following notes of surgical cases were made during a recent visit to New York Hospitals.

Asepsis :— Most of the surgeons use rubber gloves and these are sterilized either by placing them in cold water and raising it up to the boiling point or by washing in alcohol and keeping them in 1-1000.