

living, than to depart from integrity and truth-telling. The advertising liar can never remove the stigma from his professional name.

Code of Ethics.

One of the worst offenders against the code of ethics on this continent has written us a letter, for which he asks insertion. If he could tell the truth, even by way of variety, we would oblige him, but consistently with his "professional" life, his moral life is on a par, and we could imagine nothing more funny in the way of apology for wrong-doing, than a defence by Satan of sin. Coincidentally with this letter, he liberally repeats his falsehoods before the public, while attempting to extenuate them before the profession. If there were any evidence of sincerity in his protestations, we should even then hesitate to trust his motives. You may muzzle a mad dog, but, if you remove the muzzle the next day, the recollection of the muzzle will not prevent his bite. It will take many a day of repentance before we can forget or forgive a schemer, who has made every honest man ashamed of his profession. One extract from his letter will suffice: "Give me public recognition by the Society, as a qualified and reputable practitioner, and I will bind myself in bonds (!) not to advertise as I do, and I will subscribe to a fund to punish all who do." (!) There is refreshing impudence, with a vengeance. It reminds one of the saying in the days of MacAdam, "As no roads are so rough as those which have just been mended, so no sinners are more intolerant than those who have just turned saints." It was once a fashion in England to employ reformed thieves as detectives. It would be a lively employment to engage the liar-quacks of dentistry as the reformers of the profession. There is nothing more hateful than a liar. When a liar utilizes his peculiarity in his profession, then *facilis descensus Averni*.

We reserve for a future issue further discussion on the subject of the Code.