

practice whenever a suitable opportunity presents. And whenever one ass is tired, you will find another with his saddle, bridle and blinders on. Ride him also.

If you would be advised as to books, read Don Quixote. The less you know of medicine the better; and it is probable that all kinds of learning will prove a useless, and sometimes a troublesome incumbrance.

In short, if you would speculate advantageously upon the pains, and sufferings, and dying agonies of your fellow men, copy the examples which, without much pains to look, you can see everywhere around you. Renounce sense as well as science, honor and honesty, and with a shameless impudence practice wholesale upon human credulity.

Finally, and I am sure you will not think me unreasonable, renounce, also, the title which this your alma mater has now conferred upon you. Adopt any new title or name which may suit your fancy or interest, but let a decent respect for the mother who has nourished you, and whom you cannot certainly wish to wrong, preserve her from the mortification of being compelled to recognize and acknowledge her recreant and disgusting offspring.

Then we have done with each other, and no obligations remain. You wished to get rich, and I have told you how it may be done, so make the most of it; away—there's a purse full; take it—and may the Lord have mercy on your souls!

To the mind of the youth about to enter the Profession of Medicine, we would especially present the picture drawn by Dr. Hamilton, and would entreat the student to pause and consider the motives that have induced him to take the first step in the study of medicine, to consider well whether the holy mission of good to poor fallen man, to lessen and sooth his griefs, and assuage his pains, are the objects for which he essays to study the noble Art and Science of Medicine; if so, let him proceed onwards with deep humility and untiring industry, and he shall be blessed with a self-approving conscience, worth more than all the gold of Australia or California; but if his aim is only gain, and money, let him not desecrate a heavenly calling, or degrade the Science of Medicine with such base and grovelling motives, that bring but discredit upon a noble Profession; doubtless, in all cases the labourer is worthy of his hire, and if with zeal he learns the true principles of the science, and with kindness and judgment applies them, he cannot fail to reap a rich reward, an honourable distinction, and an abundant return for all his services.

To the public we would say, the encouragement of true science rests greatly in your hands; if you will not encourage truth and virtue, if you prefer to seek deception and countenance error, you must expect the just reward, unmitigated humbug and quackery.

In an especial manner this matter rests with the Legislature, and if the assembled wisdom of the country can make no distinction between science and deception, cannot understand the difference between a profession and a trade,