

others as alternative, such exclusiveness seems neither wise nor modest. When the professors of the healing art can hoard medical knowledge as misers hoard gold, and can submit its purity to equally certain tests, it will appear in better taste for them to grow exclusive. Until then, the most becoming badge they can wear is the christian direction, "Let each esteem others better than himself."

Medical societies with liberal by-laws, are fitted to do good ; but it would be hard to show that those with stringently restrictive rules can operate otherwise than as checks upon progress. In truth they are apt to become mere catacombs in which to embalm dead ideas. They are very liable to be made the instruments for accomplishing the ambitious purposes of a few leading men. They tend to suppress all sympathy with everything outside their organization ; and they beget a feeling like that which would forbid the fixed stars to drop their light into our atmosphere without first coming down and joining our solar system.

How different the character of the true man and physician ! He is genial in his disposition. He has no dislikes and antipathies, and hates no man except tyrants. He accepts knowledge, though it come from the humblest source ; believing there is no experience but will repay a study of it, and no husbandman's ploughshare but turns up a soil worth analyzing. He belongs exclusively to no party, and can be approached easily by respectable men of every stamp.

Whether belonging to the same society with him or not, you may take hold of his nature and draw him out, without having it slip from your fingers, and spring back from your presence into a thousand kinks, like a twisted thread. He is a whole man. God made him for the world and not for a party. By some strong influence you may possibly, for a time, draw him from the world into some narrow sphere, but not only will his reluctant nature, like a retiring tide, run back continually to embrace the continent, but will soon break from its confinement, and like a full sea, come back, boiling and running over to bless the world.

What is now wanted, that medical knowledge may increase, is *liberality*, in the true and full sense. We want true men in high places, who will not only LET THEIR OWN LIGHT SHINE EVERYWHERE, but WILL CEASE TO HINDER OTHER MEN'S LIGHT FROM SHINING.

Beyond this, and of nearly equal importance with it; **WE WANT MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE DIFFUSED AMONG THE PEOPLE.** We want—what the world has never seen—**A POPULAR MEDICAL LITERATURE.** We want the temples of Esculapius pulled down, and the priests turned into the streets to become teachers of the multitude, rather than worshippers in the inner sanctuary.