

The following from Professor William Osler is to the point. We quote it from a recent issue of the *Jour. A. M. A.* :

"If you have the sense to realize that this is inevitable, unavoidable, and the way of the world, and if you have the sense to talk over, in a friendly way, the first delicate situation that arises, the difficulties will disappear and recurrences may be made impossible. A man of whom you may have heard as the incarnation of unprofessional conduct, and who has been held up as an example of all that is pernicious, may be, in reality, a very good fellow, the victim of petty jealousies, the mark of the arrows of a rival faction, and you may, on acquaintance, find that he loves his wife and is devoted to his children, and that there are people who respect and esteem him. After all, the attitude of mind is the all-important factor in the promotion of concord. When a man is praised, or when a young man has done a good bit of work in your special branch, be thankful—it is for the common good. Envy, that pain of the soul, as Plato calls it, should never for a moment afflict a man of generous instinct and who has a sane outlook in life."

We have known some excellent members of the profession hounded in a most disgraceful manner by others in the profession. This is a very poor business. In the end it does not pay. The sooner the members of the medical profession frown down this sort of thing the better it will be for all.

There is room for all; and one has as much right to share in what room there is as another. The only requirements should be that he is a true professional gentleman. Size of practice, quality of clientèle, style of residence, appointments held, should count for nothing. Think of Carroll, Innes, Maclure !

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### ALCOHOL AS A BEVERAGE.

From the Revenue Departmental returns for Canada we learn that during the fiscal year ended some time ago, the consumption of alcoholic beverages in this country was per capita as follows : Spirits, .806 gallons; beer, 5.348 gallons; wine, .085 gallons. This gives a total of 6.239 gallons for each person.

Whatever may be the views of various members of the medical profession as to the value of alcohol as a medicine, there need be very little difference of opinion as to its uselessness, and even harmfulness, as a beverage. We think the amounts shown above, as the consumption in this country, were quite sufficient to have caused a very great deal of crime, poverty, ill health, suffering, and many deaths. Certain causes