

to read their pretentious advertisements and ludicrous promises to cure all ills human flesh is heir to. Few, apparently, ever stop to enquire into the truthfulness of their glowing promises. The public press of this city teems with quack advertisements that are simply disgusting, a disgrace to our public prints, and I cannot understand why such advertisements are permitted in our midst—why any respectable newspaper will permit them on their pages.

If the profession has to maintain its high position, truthfulness and honor must reign supreme in all the dealings of its members. Tact may be important, but tact, when incompatible with truthfulness, is deceit pure and simple, and whilst expedience may be employed, remember it must never intersect the straight lines of right and wrong. The young doctor embarking in his profession meets many difficulties of a financial order, and great are the temptations he may be called upon to withstand—temptations which might lead him from the strict path of professional rectitude. I would remind you that lapses from moral or professional rectitude are never profitable. In the majority of instances they are wholly and completely ruinous; and whilst one might fancy they would afford temporary relief in cases of stringency, they all lead to one central pit of everlasting and complete professional failure. Two wrongs never make a right. If your colleague and competitor resorts to unprofessional action, it does not justify or excuse you in similar conduct. Let your profession be your highest ideal, let its influences be ennobling, and though failure encounter you, you will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that you have done your best to maintain its true ideal.

The establishment of a post-graduate course here during the past summer is a step in the right direction, a want long felt. The usefulness of a post-graduate course has been proved beyond measure by the success which has attended these post-graduate schools in Berlin, Vienna and New York, and I venture to say it only wants time to prove the same of our own. We have the material and the men to make post-graduate work a success, and practitioners throughout our province will not be slow in availing themselves of the advantages to be gained from attending for a few weeks from time to time a practical course on some of the various clinics to be given. It will be nothing but practical work, hospital and laboratory work. After a man has been in practice for some years, isolated, in many instances, from even the advantages of a neighboring practitioner, prac-