

pends his success. This personal attention which the profession calls for, both in relation to patient and public, soon tests the physician's capability for inspiring confidence or otherwise. Professional misfits may account in some degree for the attitude of the public under consideration, but there are other causes, many of slow growth, therefore more deeply rooted.

Lack of unity and firm adherence to duty, principle and honor, upon questions of moral and professional character to-day constitute the worm at the root and are undermining the foundations of professional prestige. This is a broad, far-reaching statement, comprising sub-divisions which may embrace every branch of professional ethics, and, if properly applied, should constitute each one his own confessor. The object desired when these thoughts were engendered will, I hope, be more likely of attainment by leaving this delicate subject with us in its suggestive character, trusting that we will give to it the daily prominence which it deserves.

The public expects, and justly so, the physician to be qualified for any task. This thought might lead us towards the sub-divisions of general medicine and surgery into special fields, and very properly so, for we all soon recognize how broad and yet how limited is our knowledge. The specialist should be more capable of giving to the public the very best his field can produce. We, as physicians, recognize the advantage of special study and application and should not hesitate to advise our patients accordingly.

Our educational standard needs to be maintained, hence the professional qualification demanded by the provincial act, over which the medical council has supervision.

That the profession has done noble service and placed the public in a position of comparative safety when contagious or communicable diseases are considered, every citizen will admit.

We are all so familiar with the inestimable benefits which have during recent years been conferred upon humanity by bacteriological discovery and demonstration that I will not impose upon your patient indulgence by attempting to enlarge upon this subject. Were these remarks addressed to the public, the benefits accruing to them from discoveries pertaining to hygiene, purity of food, milk and water supply, etc., could be dilated upon, but this would form a subject worthy in itself of separate presentation, and beyond present intentions.

Though purposely avoiding special mention of the diseases which, through scientific investigation, have been prominently brought to public and professional notice, I cannot refrain from asking your serious consideration of the move-