

ington County, and as I had not received *The Journal*, I supposed that you had long since discontinued it. However, as it was *my fault* that I did not notify you of the change, I herewith enclose amount of subscription, which is \$7.00." May the Lord continue in the future, as He is at present, with Dr. Thompson. Although the doctor had not received *The Journal*, he, being an honest man, the noblest work of God, sends the amount and admits that it was his "fault" that *The Journal* address was not changed. We know of some fellows whom this statement should make ashamed.—*Texas Health Journal*.

BOOMING MEDICINE.—The insane rush of young men, and women, too, into the profession is chiefly owing to the extravagant puffing of a considerable portion of its members regarding the financial results of their labour. I have a couple of physicians in mind with whom I was familiar both as a youth and after entering the profession, whose careers are somewhat typical of the "booming" class. The one was the leading physician of a

large town. He claimed and was generally accredited with doing a practice of \$25,000 a year. He lived quite inexpensively, except in the matter of horses, several of which he always kept to encourage business, and after struggling with a practice of this kind for twenty-eight years, he suddenly collapsed, leaving his creditors in for over \$20,000. The other practised in a small village, and for years had done a tremendous practice; kept half a dozen horses, slept little, and had rarely time to take his meals; he lived quite inexpensively, except in the matter of horses; he took but one holiday during his whole career; and he affected, and was generally supposed to be possessed of, fabulous wealth; and after a laborious professional life of forty years, departed, leaving an estate valued at less than \$5,000. I can name a score of men in the profession to-day, who have been lured there by the boasting of these two. This unmanly habit afflicts the profession to a disgraceful extent, and does it more injury than any other affliction to which it is subjected.—*Dr. J. P. Armour, in Medical Notes*.

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