

confidences may be committed to your care; and thus not only the lives, but often the prospects and fortunes of individuals, the peace, honor and happiness of families, and even the welfare of the community may rest in your hands. Upon your prudence and caution great interests may hang, beware how you betray them.

Remember, too, that the personal factor enters very largely into the problem of success. By your patients you are valued, not only for your medical skill, but also for the refreshing or soothing influence of your own personality. To the pain-wracked sufferer your daily visit may be the one bright oasis in the dreary monotony of life; a gentle manner, a gentle voice and sympathy are potent factors in the cure. While you strive to be skilful in your profession, do not forget that when human skill is of no more avail, sympathy and kindness may temper a blow you can not ward off, or lighten a sorrow you can not avert. Be honorable, honest, upright; a sympathetic listener, a wise counsellor—but a *gossip*, a *talebearer*—never. Strive to be a ray of sunshine in every home; let the sick brighten at your entrance; let the little ones long for your visits; then, when your life work is drawing to a close, when you are old and grey, men and women grown, whom you have watched and tended from infancy, will love and revere you and cherish your memory in the tenderest esteem.

*Duties to Confreres.*—When you begin the practice of your profession you will be at once thrown into contact and competition with other medical men. Remember you are fellow-workers; let no unseemly rivalry or jealousy mar your friendly relations. Pay no attention to those who laugh at the strictness of our professional etiquette. Follow strictly our *Code of Ethics*, for it is nothing more or less than a practical application to medical matters of the Golden Rule in its negative form, “*Do not unto others that which you would not have them do unto you.*” Be modest in your demeanor, especially to older men. Perhaps they may not be as well up as yourselves in the latest teachings of the Schools, but from long personal observation and experience they have gathered rich stores of knowledge which no mere book lore can give, and which you must work many years to acquire. Do not forget