

possible to have intellect to illumine a whole region, and not sympathy enough to cheer a fireside. Your perception and judgment must ever be on the alert, seldom can you manage similar cases in a like manner, not often will the symptoms as detailed in books be recognised in the same sequence or in equal prominence; age, sex and temperament modify them and compel you to pause---to qualify or change your first impressions; but to pause is not to hesitate, and to reflect is not to doubt;---to weigh well is not to blindly grope, and hence whatever may be the standard of your faculties be not ashamed of caution, and this the rather in chronic cases, which, making the rounds of the profession, will doubtless in turn fall to your lot; be not alarmists, and yet when you perceive clearly the inevitable result, never hesitate in communicating the opinion to those interested, and need I say in language prompted by the dictates of feeling; there is a tacit admission among all gentlemen, that what is said should never be repeated, to the prejudice of the parties---this principle, so essential to the intercourse of society, in a yet higher application affects us, and hence one of our professional ethics is secrecy in everything touching the cases under your management. Daily placed in circumstances the most opposite, by the side of approaching death, or the couch of returning health, or presiding at nature's most affecting and arduous travail, or with surgical skill removing or repairing morbid parts, in all these you must maintain for yourselves the alliance of every power of mind which can minister, or soothe, or cheer, or inspire trust.

In your intercourse with your professional brethren you must be guided by the highest of moral qualities---clarity, which is "not puffed up, and thinketh no evil;" don't regard all others as your inferiors, don't depress the standard of your neighbor's ability, hoping thereby---yourself the arbitrator---to be deemed logically his superior because his critic; there is something essentially mean in wishing and attempting to get the better of any one; the only competition worthy of manhood is that with oneself; it is not honorable, it is not even politic to depreciate a competitor, to do so is just by so much to subtract from the merit of equalling or surpassing him. It is unworthy of a man to go out in all his strength to contend with an imbecile, among such one may indeed be the best, and yet a very monarch---a prince of asses. Hold pleasant and equal communion with your *confreeres*, lay aside narrow considerations, bring your information, your opinions, your experience, which "prompts something like prophetic strain" into the common stock, so that by comparison the good may be retained and rendered available to all. Do not, because you have obtained your degree, discontinue your mental cultivation; yet study, yet lay up stores, this is, indeed, now more required than before; every faculty must be maintained at its highest mark; yours is not