

we shall use, compounds our mixtures wholesale, and suggests to us for what and how to use them, and has his bottles labelled so that "a wayfaring man though a fool" might use them intelligently.

Lastly, and worst of all, we find that some practitioners do not hesitate to recommend some patent medicine, which fact at once commends the system in general, and that remedy in particular, to the popular mind.

It is also opposed to medical ethics to countenance the popular delusion of extravagant cures, or the prolongation of life beyond its natural limits, by means of some health restoring extract, or an infallible system of medical practice—the faith in which among the deluded believers is in inverse ratio to the amount of common sense they possess. It is the duty of the physician to discountenance all such shams and to endeavor to set before people the true principle upon which curative medicine is founded.

Unless we be true to ourselves, and to the ethics of our profession, it will be vain to appeal to other learned professions, or to the laity for a proper recognition of our abilities, and of our general standing.

To uphold so honourable a position, we must, to begin with, have the requisite knowledge of our profession, and as I mentioned at the first, a gentlemanly demeanor, and should fulfil our duties with kindness, and with courtesy, and with a just sense of true dignity engendered of self-respect.

Our manner or professional deportment, to be perfect, must be sincere, and actuated by a sense of regard for the feelings of our patients. It is certain that no generalized or artificial manner can fail, sooner or later, to betray itself. It is likewise impossible to have one manner for rich patients and another for poor patients. In this respect we should imitate the eminent physician, who when requested by the Archbishop, not to treat him as he would a Whitechapel patient, replied, "Your Grace, I treat Whitechapel patients as if they were the Archbishop."

Professional morals are an important part of medical education, and it is as much our duty to acquaint ourselves with the precepts of the ethics of our profession as it is to study scientific truths.

I would again suggest the adoption of a medico-ethical code, and at the same time repeat that no laws however stringent will make a man.