

It is a curious thing, however, that our medical laws seem unable to cope with quacks, but, if a man who has had a regular training has not obtained his license, he is immediately hauled up and fined.

THE KING'S ILLNESS.

I fear I have trespassed on your time long enough, and I must bring this rather disconnected address to a close. I cannot, however, close without referring to the comparatively recent serious illness of our beloved Sovereign. The result in his case is most satisfactory and is a credit to modern surgery; let all honour be given to the able and wise physicians and surgeons who directed his case. The rewards of the medical profession are not many, nor are they of the highest grade, but in the late award of honours medical men were not forgotten, and those in closest attendance on the King received their share. The responsibilities attaching to the medical attendants were more than usual, and very much depended on their advice as to the most proper and safest procedure. The proper path was chosen and for the time they are praised beyond measure, but unfortunately medical favours are soon forgotten.

“Three faces the Phisition hath;
 “First as an Angel he,
 “When he is sought; next when he helps
 “A God he seems to be;
 “And best of all, when he hath made
 “The Sicke, diseased well
 “And asks his guerdon, then he seems
 “An oughly Fiend of Hell.”

The future of the medical man, however, is bright, and his position in the State is advancing as the necessity for employing him for the solution of all hygienic and sanitary problems becomes evident. In the wars of the future the winning of battles will be of no avail or impossible without an efficient medical service and no government will be complete without a department of public health presided over by medical men.

To enable our profession to obtain the respect and consideration of the public, we must stand shoulder to shoulder, and be true to ourselves. We must act so that no one can point the finger of scorn at us. We must not coquette with anything that has even the appearance of quackery. We must work for the love of our profession, and not for the mere object of getting money. We must neglect no opportunities of meeting together and so increasing our knowledge and stimulating our desire for knowledge. Above all, we must see that in the future none but men of the highest character, and who