

## CHAPTER II.

### **The Duties of Physicians to Each Other and to the Profession at Large.**

#### 1. OBLIGATION TO MAINTAIN THE HONOR OF THE PROFESSION.

Every one who enters the profession becomes entitled to full professional fellowship, and incurs an obligation to uphold its dignity and honor, to exalt its standing and to extend the bounds of its usefulness. It is inconsistent with the principles of medical science and it is incompatible with honorable standing in the profession for physicians to designate their practice as based on an exclusive dogma or a sectarian system of medicine.

#### 2. OBSERVATION OF PROFESSIONAL RULES.

The physician should observe strictly such laws as are instituted for the government of the members of the profession ; should honor the fraternity as a body ; should endeavor to promote the science and art of medicine, and should entertain a due respect for those seniors who, by their labors, have contributed to its advancement. He should identify himself with the organized body of his profession as represented in the community in which he resides.

#### 3. PURITY OF CHARACTER AND MORALITY REQUIRED.

There is no profession from the members of which greater purity of character and a higher standard of moral excellence are required than the medical ; and