

his calling, the more frequently his mind dwells upon the abstract laws of cause and effect—the more satisfaction he feels in developing the power of tracing effects to their ultimate cause—the more he feels compelled to work on the sure foundation of science in this direction—the more real pleasure he experiences in succeeding in his search after truth (no matter how apparently *small* a truth)—the better physician he must be ; and the better physician he is, the better man he must also necessarily become. Nothing can be more regrettable than the career of a medical man who casts aside all lofty aspiration or high aims connected with his profession, and contents himself with a daily toil of what then becomes an uninteresting routine. No matter how restricted may be a man's social or local advantages—no matter how isolated he may be—no matter how uncongenial his surroundings—no matter how discouraged he at times may feel—no matter how the world may treat him : yet, if he have a real, deep-down love for scientific work, he can make that work repay him for all, for it can make his life a life of pleasure, of animation, and of keen interest, in place of a life of care, disquietude, disappointment, and irritation with the world at large. Too many men, finding themselves, owing to circumstances, settled in some small locality, give themselves up to the monotony reigning around them, continue the jog-trot of a hum-drum existence, and leave this earth just no worse and none the better for their having occupied, temporarily, a spot upon its surface. This need never be. The problems of medicine and surgery are legion in number,—they lie open before us all, awaiting only the diligent application of our reasoning powers, upon accurately-observed facts in sufficient numbers, for their solution. It is true that the greater number of discoveries and advances in modern science and practical medicine have been made by the dwellers in great cities, men who devote their lives to special departments of enquiry and thereby acquire great learning and wisdom. But, admitting this, we should always remember that some of the greatest of all recent advances in our Art have been initiated and promoted by men living quiet and obscure lives until their great discoveries introduced them to public notice.