

courteous conduct toward their professional brethren. Differences not infrequently arise from want of candour, a suppression of the truth, if not actual falsehood, on the part of parents or friends, and these false statements probably constitute the most fruitful source of jealousies and ill-feeling, which so often mar the fellowship and good feeling of our profession. We cannot be too cautious how we receive and act upon such statements *said* to have been made by a professional brother. It is among these snares that we must be "as wise as serpents," and "walk circumspectly."

We should as medical men and preservers of the public health bear testimony against quackery in all its forms, whether it appears with its usual bold front, or under the pretence of philanthropy or of religion.

Although the laws of our land are stringent for the suppression and punishment of fraud in general, yet fraud in medicine flourishes wholesale, and our only remedy would be to bring, as a united body, pressure to bear on the legislature to enact laws for the suppression of such practices. The press is the greatest source of help to promote the use and sale of quack medicines. In every newspaper and magazine, without exception, the virtues of some particular nostrum are set forth. Even our medical journals are often more than half taken up with advertisements, that to say the least are not strictly ethical. Judging from the matter contained, a great many so called medical journals exist solely for the purpose of advertising certain remedies, generally endorsed with physicians' names. Neither will stand the straight rule of medical etiquette.

Another class that lend their influence to encourage the use of "secret nostrums" are members of the learned professions. It is annoying to see their names to an article declaring that a certain patent medicine cured them, after the doctors had given them up, whereas if the truth were known, probably their trouble existed only in their imagination.

The pharmacist also contributes no small aid to the widespread use of questionable remedies, and gives them the advantage of space and place in his store. To-day we are more or less at the will of the pharmacist. He indirectly dictates to us what remedies