

years are a golden opportunity which I would urge you not to lose. Take full advantage of them in pursuing quiet study, and perhaps some research in one form or another, later on when your practice increases, it will be very difficult if not impossible to secure sufficient time for any prolonged uninterrupted study.

If possible try to become attached to a hospital in some position or other, or, failing this, you should during your slack years attend hospital practice if possible regularly. There are always crumbs of information to be picked up, and at any rate it will prevent any chance of that direful result, becoming "rusty" in your work.

Let your work be continuous and above all thorough, then, come what may, you can feel that under any circumstances, adverse or otherwise, you have in any given case done your best for your patient.

Remember the life of your patient is in your hands and you are accountable to God as well as to your fellow man.

As our profession in its truest phase is such a noble one and calls for such entire devotion, any exhibition of selfishness or meanness appears most pitiable and contemptible. Hence the use of it for the mere acquisition of money is unpardonable, and indeed is very apt to fail.

If you enter on your professional career with the one object of acquiring wealth, I would urge you forthwith to abandon medicine; with such an aim in view you are most unlikely to do your suffering fellow creatures any good, and will certainly bring no credit on the profession.

Let not the sordid overwhelm the high aims of your profession—Let the latter stand first and highest, and the reward to your conscience and soul will be infinitely more satisfying than simply making a travesty of the noble healing art in your greed for wealth.

But, mark you, I by no means decry fees, for I hold a labourer is always worthy of his hire, yet there is so much that is elevating and inspiring about our work rightly practiced that it appears a sad degradation to turn it into a purely money-making business.

It is this that causes the bitter enmity of all true medical practitioners against the numerous patent remedies which appear from time to time; they are preparations which may sometimes do good or effect a cure, nevertheless they are secret preparations, which are manufactured for the sole purpose of making money, not from any philanthropic motive—I would beg of you never to use or countenance them—There can be no secrets in the true healing art; any discovery for the benefit of suffering humanity must be the common property of all.