

take a personal interest in each other as individuals, especially if they are our patients. The second duty, also, too frequently we have forgotten: to be sincere, to believe in ourselves and our therapeutics. With all the follies of faith cure and of unchristian unscience, the Eddyistic sillies did not forget those two fundamental duties.

Again, the quacks have made use of our refused quarryings as corner-stones of their healing temples. It is ridiculous bigotry to make fun of the quacks we ourselves allow or create. These quackeries are not made up entirely of errors, follies, greeds, and stupidities. And our medical practices, "scientific" and "ethical" as we fondly imagine them to be, are not without elements and alloys of quackery, folly, and greed.

The more conservative, the more "scientific," the more self-satisfied, the greater, usually, is the alloy of error and quackery. Especially in the cities; especially among the leaders, the professors, the text-book makers; especially among the specialists. The hope of progressive and helpful medicine lies in the general and country practitioners, the modest unknowns of the cities, the protestants and extremists. Anything, even earthquakes, are needed to shatter the complacency of the success hunters and of the success getters.

Every text-book, and almost every monograph and medical journal article will be revolutionized when your oculists agree; your oculists will not agree until you as general practitioners secure the establishment of at least one serious refraction school, with a two-year, or a three-year obligatory course of post-graduate study. And this, as general physicians, is your concern. You will be compelled at last to force us to do our long-neglected duty.—GEO. M. GOULD, before Med. Assoc.

### Normal Salt Solution.

We abstract as follows from a paper by Dr. Aldridge Matthews (*Med. Med. Jour.*): While this is not a new subject, normal salt solution having been in use for many years, its value has become widely recognized, and it is being more and more used every day. Its value should not be underestimated in either surgery or medicine. How could the surgeon do without it? It is practically out of the question, for many hundreds of lives are saved every year that unquestionably would be lost if it were not for the use of salt solution.

The administration of normal salt solution supplies fluid to the body exhausted from loss of fluid through excessive purging, as in cholera, or in case of hemorrhage. It may be used to wash