

of his own profession. Their estimate of him, is after all, the only true gauge of the real character of his life and work. The only wand with which he can conjure his fellows is merit, efforts to conjure with anything less worthy belong to the domain of the charlatan, and therefore is unworthy of notice. The question that now arises is, what are the factors, that give a physician his rating in his own calling. There are many, but space will only permit of a very brief reference to a few, and out of these, the following are selected, viz., worth and work.

WORTH.

Worth is to be defined as moral character and the statement is simply axiomatic, that without a high moral character there can be no such thing as true success. This phase of the question need not be elaborated further than to state what is included in the term worth. It includes, in addition to a strict fidelity to truthfulness, honesty, purity, charity—the cardinal virtues—the possession of a courteous manner, æsthetic tastes, business ability, and a consecrated devotion to his profession.

WORK.

The high standard demanded of the graduates of any reputable medical college, is a sufficient guarantee that the young physician has the necessary technical knowledge and skill to enable him to enter the ranks of his profession. Physicians, in so far at least, as their education and skill, are concerned, begin practice on about a common equality. This being the case they must depend upon the character of their post-graduate work for their 'rating'. Amongst their fellows, what factors can help the young physician in his work? Each reader, will doubtless have in mind some things that he would suggest, as being of especial value. However, it is only possible to deal with one or two of the common and most essential factors in a brief article like this one. Of these, the following deserves consideration: 1st. A full and truthful record to be kept of every case. This is an imperative duty for many reasons. These records are indispensable as references. It is a work that gives an inspiration to the desire for accuracy. It is a splendid educator, in the way of helping a physician to express himself in technical and intelligent terms. How much the interest in a case is affected by the manner in which it is described. It is of inestimable value to the physician in helping him to estimate the progress he is making. A faithful record of successes and failures is the crucial test of progress or retrogression. Those of us, and the list, it is to be feared, is altogether