

crooked ways. If you do, you will lose time, and will have to come back and start again straight. It is better to have too much enthusiasm in your profession, than too much contempt ; better to broaden your life-work and thought by collateral culture, than to circumscribe it by narrow views. It is better to build castles in the air—and doubtless you'll build many—than not to build at all ; better to sing Psalms with the professional Davids, than grunt Lamentations with the professional Jeremiahs ; better every day to turn introspective thoughts as a moral duty, in search of your own peccadilloes, than to think you can win popularity or renown by insidiously hunting for those of others. It is better to be even a second or third class dentist, than to imagine that you and the Premier are misplaced, and that he is in your place ; better, and happier, and healthier, a thousand times, in the long run, to feel that your every-day duty, for which you've here been trained, is exactly the appointed work God has given you to do. And if you feel impelled to kick up a dust in Olympus, and cheek the gods, and teach humanity what nobody else has been able to tell it, go first and talk it over with some quiet woman—your mother, if God has spared her—and I fancy you'll come back with your metaphorical tail between your legs. Remember we are here to-night just to lift you tenderly and cheerfully out of your professional cradle. We have taken away your feeding-bottle ; we've covered you with parchment, and given you "God bless you." In fact, professionally, you've been born, baptized and married all at one stroke : and take now one of the first, oldest and best hints that has been given to man since the world was created : Take a silent partner—you probably have already one in view—who will love you, and encourage you, and help you, and swear by you, even if you go home like a cowardly brute and beat her with a stick.

As a guest who rejoices in witnessing to your marriage to dentistry, let me tell you that even in the days of your professional honeymoon, you will have days of doubt and difficulty, but dutiful courage and cheerfulness always bring palmy days. You may believe me that you could not be happy unless you were sometimes miserable, just as you'll never have true success unless you have occasional failure. You will get your dose of discipline like the rest of us, but stand it like men, and you'll confess that you got it just where it was needed when the clouds roll by. You'll have