

of it? Would you emulate the brave deeds and noble spirit of your predecessors? Then you must begin well, and as you begin so must you continue to the very end.

*Duties to yourselves.*—You owe certain duties to yourselves. First and foremost, your character must ever be above reproach. Honor, uprightness and integrity must be the very *Warp* of your lives. Then to the best of your ability you must keep well abreast of the times, and strive always to be accomplished, educated physicians. Though now, no doubt, you “*know everything about medicine that is worth knowing,*” you can not maintain that happy state of affairs without constant diligent study. He who is content with what he knows soon drops out of the ranks and is left behind; in the medical profession, there is no such thing as standing still; you must either push on or fall back. An eminent professor was once asked by a young graduate what he should do to secure success in his profession. “Three things,” replied the Professor, “1st, observe; 2nd, observe; 3rd, observe.” Careful observation is the surest road to success; it is the magic key which unlocks the mysteries of Nature and reveals her secrets to the studious enquirer. Train eye, ear and touch; investigate every case thoroughly and systematically; observe everything, considering nothing too trivial or minute. Study the laws of cause and effect and apply them in your daily practice; consider each case as a problem you are called upon to solve. Study out carefully and estimate at its proper value the *personal* factor; aim to treat your patient, not his disease, and you will find the practice of medicine an absorbing, fascinating study—a never-failing source of pleasure and gratification, the best antidote to jealousy, irritation and querulous discontent. I pray you, do not allow yourselves to degenerate into the routine practitioner—a sort of peripatetic prescribing machine. Such a man cares very little for principles or deductions therefrom. The prescription is his great stand-by; and with a pocketful of them he is armed for any emergency. He poses as a *practical* man; no theory or nonsense about him. At Medical Societies and Conventions he comes out in full force. Notebook in hand, he goes about buttonholing prominent men for their favorite prescriptions; if he succeeds in capturing any, he goes home happy and