

and social meetings are calculated to engender. It would be a proper movement, at least in my opinion, for every society, such as ours, to adopt a code of ethics, and there are none of us but who would be the better for an occasional brush up on the etiquette of our profession, more in the way of a prophylactic, than as a necessary course.

We owe it to our profession to promote its best interests, not only by scientific research, but by a feeling of brotherhood and of mutual support; so that the popular mind may entertain the idea which is well expressed in the words "Behold how good and how seemly it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." We should as far as it is in our power live at peace with all men, but more especially with professional brethren.

There are certain rights and privileges to which a physician's professional standing entitles him. He would do well to assert them; in fact it is his duty to do so. His talents and skill are qualities of which he is a steward, and should be used for the best general good, and are not to be wasted either by his own carelessness nor by the selfishness of others.

When called to attend a case he should be allowed the free use of his faculties, and not be deterred from doing what in his opinion is necessary, either by the solicitations of the patient or of anxious friends. In our relations with the sick we should exercise kindness and forbearance, making due allowance for their irritability and peculiarities, and at the same time endeavor to elicit such information as is essential for a proper diagnosis of their condition.

It should be beneath the dignity of a physician to misrepresent the gravity of a case, leading the patient or friends to think it more serious than it really is, and thus be tendered an exalted estimation of his services, to which he is not entitled. Nor should he involve a patient in unnecessary expense, by needless visits or by costly appliances.

Another error we are liable to fall into is allowing admiring friends to publish in the press our successful treatment of them or their relatives. This is an unethical method of advertising; we should be content with the successful issue of our efforts without sounding a trumpet.

In their intercourse with each other, physicians will best consult and secure their own self-respect and that of society at large by a