

one cares nowadays for the marking on the body of the Spanish Fly, and a teacher of *materia medica* does not venture into the minutiae even of twenty years ago. The student has not the time—there are more important things to be learned. And the terminology is being developed and extended and changed in the same way—the new wine cannot be contained in the old bottles.

No lawyer can know much about medicine of the present day—though there was nothing to prevent Dr. Rolph in his time being master of both sciences, there are now too many facts to be learned.

I have for some time been preaching the doctrine that a little knowledge of the procedure in the courts should be taught as an integral part of medical education, at least to those who desire it. Some years ago I prepared and delivered to the medical students of the University a series of lectures on "The Doctor in the Courts"—The Doctor as Judge, as Plaintiff, as Defendant, and as Witness. These were received with some approval; and it is perhaps rather a pity that someone has not continued the series. Such lectures should be given by one who is actively engaged in the law—it would be no more absurd for a lawyer who knew surgery only from the books to attempt to teach surgery than for a doctor who had only read about law to try to teach law.

Of course the objection is want of time—and that objection may be valid—but it does seem to me that, considering the enormous importance to the practitioner in medicine of an elementary knowledge, at least, of the law by which he is specially governed, some place might be found for such a study—even if only optional with the student himself.

I cannot but think that the members of the two professions have much in common, much to learn from each other, and should see much of each other. Perhaps some means may be found whereby their intercourse may be increased—it will do both good.

And now I must stop. I fear, as it is, I have talked too long. I conclude by wishing this society and the profession of which its members form a part all the prosperity future years can give. "By their works ye shall know them." The only physician whose name we know in Gospel times was Luke, "the beloved physician." I sincerely hope that all physicians will be called by their patients and the people "beloved," because they have deserved the appellation by their works.