

are pleased to know that the class as a whole approves. I beseech you however to avoid making improper use of them. A short time ago I was shewn a country newspaper from the western part of Ontario containing a professional card which read as follows:—"Dr....., Graduate in Medicine and Gold Medallist of McGill University." It is true that the card stated facts, and while to laymen it may seem pardonable or even justifiable to thus publicly make known academic success, from the point of view of high professional tone it must be deplored and condemned. So are all newspaper notices of medical men in connection with operations, accidents and the like. I have lived long enough in this City to watch the careers of several men whose names were constantly for a time in the newspapers. None of them have attained to any enviable position, and most of them have utterly failed.

It must, however, be admitted that in these days of the ubiquitous reporter, the medical man is not always responsible for the appearance of his name in the newspaper.

I believe I cannot better indicate the spirit by which we should be animated in practising this profession of ours than by quoting to you the following words of an eminent surgeon:—"Our manners should ever be but the expression of the habitual frame of our mind; and the habit and temper of mind which should animate us in our ministrations to the sick, I can in no way so well indicate as by paraphrasing the words which so expressly tell us of the Divine Physician's tender care and true sympathy for us in our soul's sicknesses, namely, we must be touched with a feeling of their infirmities. The refining and elevating influence of such true sympathy will keep us from ever making our noble office subservient to any ignoble end; and though it may interfere with our becoming rich, yet it will raise us into a higher and purer atmosphere above the petty vexations and disappointments of professional life. For what if by our work, we become neither rich in worldly wealth nor great in the world's esteem? Surely a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and loving favor rather than silver and gold. And though we may achieve no social distinction, we may by the Divine help, one day find, as many have found who are now gone to their rest, that the conscientious discharge of our duty in that profession which brought us neither wealth nor rank has been to us none other than the House of God, aye, and the very Gate of Heaven."

Again, wishing you a full measure of success, and assuring you of our continued watchful interest in your future career, I bid you for my colleagues and myself—Farewell!