

of the State that it sees to it that its officials are not venal and color-blind when a case is brought up for final adjudication as to the guilt or innocence of a suspected abortionist.

The attitude the profession should assume toward both the quack and the illegal practitioner, whose business methods are known to us to be vicious and opposed to public policy and good morals, is one of outraged honor where latent and pent-up disdain is converted into energy and liberated through practical channels; it should be practical enough to assume the aggressive and take on itself the form of active hostility. As was hinted at before, we must take those men seriously and fight them to a finish. If the advertising quack can accomplish what he claims he can, and is as expert at the art of healing as he says he is, then we will have to say good-bye to the general practitioner and the whole brigade of vaunted specialists, who figure so conspicuously on the Medical Boards, and arguing from the standpoint of the triumphant quack, it will be good riddance of bad rubbish.

The medical profession with its chosen leaders, and under the banner of stalwart conviction, should take the offensive by making open war on the illegal practitioners, for, as was related before in a previous part of this paper, though the advertising quack is nominally a doctor, and is accepted as such by the constituted authorities, he, is nevertheless, in strict interpretation of the word, a law-breaker and a public offender; for, in a manner not very difficult to prove, it can be shown that he is a sharper and impostor, who has always and is now receiving money under false pretences, which is a crime in the eyes of the law, to be punished by fine and imprisonment. Then the abortionist and the quack stand together at the head of a homologous series, far down which can be seen a crowd of regular practitioners humbly gleaning where they have reaped. Now, the abortionist and the doctor of newspaper notoriety, notwithstanding the superficial legal distinction, are standing moral criminals on the same platform, and are equally guilty of high crimes and dark and shady transactions. They are both a menace to the public health and to progress and prosperity of the State. On these lines the illegal practitioners must be attacked, until they are driven from the field, placed behind bars and the law vindicated.

The attitude of the medical profession, then, as it should be, must be one of personal effort with constant watchfulness and cautious advance; we must not make the mistake of underrating our foe; he is unscrupulous, merciless and well supplied with money, which he has wrung from the public by fraud and imposture, and is prepared to use it any time he gets into the clutches of the law, to bribe weak and venal officials, and frustrate the ends of justice.

Our previous attitude, though one of scorn, will not any longer suffice; that was all right as far as it went, but it did not go far enough. The profession is now suffering from its lack of energy and want of aggressiveness in the past, and to-day realizes the fact