

and mind devoted to the highest and best, and what possibilities lie before us! Not only towards our patients, but in our relations with one another, what a mantle of charity we may be able to throw over some mistake of our brother's. What just praise and commendation may we not offer one, looking over some of his handiwork. And if superior in our own attainments, how gladly should we bestow praise where it is due, and thus encourage those who are struggling to a higher standard.

A kind word of praise goes a long way to help a worthy brother. The giving of it does not impoverish us, and maketh our brother rich in the desire to do better.

In this way, my brothers, may we exemplify the higher law of love to God and man, and bring our profession and its members up to the highest standard, where it rightly belongs.

It is the brotherhood of the craft which I would emphasize. Our object and purpose is to do good, and united in our brotherly ties this object is more readily secured. Church, country, state—nothing should stand between us in the accomplishment of this purpose.

With this aim in view our duty is always plain and our lives noble. To this end God grant we may attain.

LOCAL ANÆSTHETICS.*

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The progressive spirit, which is the spirit of the present day, forces professional men, dependent upon public patronage, to possess all the latest and most improved methods, appliances and remedies for the shortening of operations and the alleviation of human suffering.

The sympathy felt by practitioners of surgery, both general and special, for the victims of disease who have come under their care and treatment is most fittingly illustrated in their untiring and persistent labors in the field of medicine with a determination to avail themselves of something that might help to lessen the otherwise necessary suffering attendant upon surgical operations.

The results have thus far been very gratifying, yet the progressive spirit is still forcing men to study, to analyze and experiment, to add to or take from as seems most fitting until the most complete remedy is found. I shall confine my thoughts and experiences at this time to local anæsthetics, their application and physiological action.

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