

ministering alike to friend and foe, without hope of earthly reward, but feeling amply recompensed in the conscientious discharge of his merciful calling. One day of such an opportunity to render service to God and man is worth a whole life spent in the acquisition of a science which confers such power upon its possessor.

In his poem, "The Physician," read at Washington last month, Dr. S. Weir Mitchell thus beautifully sets forth the lesson which our profession inculcates :—

"To give what none can measure, none can weigh,
Simply to go where duty points the way;
To face unquestioning the fever's breath,
The hundred shadows of the vale of death;
To bear Christ's message through the battle's rage,
The yellow plague, the leper's island cage,
And with our noblest 'well to understand
The poor man's call as only God's command.'
One bugle note our battle call,
One single watchword, Duty,—That is all."

As medical men you are expected to play a twofold part. It is your professional matters, but you should also lose no opportunity of acquiring duty not only to acquire as complete a knowledge as you can of purely ing a knowledge of the world. Your success in life will depend as much upon the latter as upon your professional attainments. Remember always that you are men amongst men; and that no matter how great your medical skill may be, if you have not acquired an ease and grace of manner, you have not the key to unlock the door of public confidence. Often you will find it true that people will first call you in because they like you as a man; and then retain you because they like you as a physician. To attain this happy result, it is above all things necessary that the medical practitioner should be a gentleman in the widest sense of the term. I do not mean in appearance only, in outward demeanor, in the cleanliness of his linen, or the cut of his clothes, but in very heart. Thackeray, at the close of his "Four Georges," asks :—"What is it to be a gentleman? Is it to have lofty aims, to lead a pure life, to keep your honour virgin; to have the esteem of your fellow citizens, and the love of your fireside; to bear good fortune meekly, to suffer evil with constancy; and through evil or good to maintain truth always? Show me the happy man whose life exhibits these qualities, and him we will salute as gentleman, whatever his rank may be." Nowhere will you find a better definition of what constitutes a true gentleman,—follow it and you cannot fail to be such.

A word now as to your leisure time, because when first entered in the field of practice it is not likely that a host of sick people will be waiting to avail themselves of your kind attentions or superior skill. On the contrary, you must expect much wearisome waiting, many hours of