

avoid giving offence to the reporter, if he is a sensible fellow, and at the same time you do not become guilty of a breach of trust. Another point under this heading.—It is a doctor's duty to give the best advice possible. Sometimes the young practitioner will have charge of a case which he does not thoroughly understand, or which, though he feels that he has made a correct diagnosis, does no progress as favourably as he and the patient's friends could wish. In such a case what is his duty? Manifestly there is but one course to follow. Advise a consultation. The patient's condition demands it and the doctor's reputation will not thereby suffer. Far better in such a case to suggest a consultation than to have the patient or the patient's friends demand it.

On the subject of a doctor's duty towards his fellow practitioners much has been said and much has been written. Many specific rules have been laid down for the young practitioner's guidance in this respect. These we do not intend to consider. These the beginner will learn as his practice increases. No better general rule can be given than the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would that others should do unto you." Any one living up to this rule need never fear that he will violate Medical Etiquette.