

modes of treatment is opposed to those principles of the freedom and dignity of the profession which should govern the relations of its members to each other and to the public. The College, therefore, expects that all its fellows, members, and licentiates will uphold these principles by discountenancing those who trade upon such designations." This last sentence touches the root of the difficulty. *Those who trade upon such designations.* Let us take a concrete example. You treat a case of pemphigus with arsenic. You may theorize as you like about the essential nature of pemphigus; you may select arsenic because you think it would produce the disease, or because you think it produces something contrary to the disease, or for no reason whatever beyond the empirical fact that you have seen a case of pemphigus recover under the use of arsenic. Also, you may give this arsenic alone or combined with other substances, and in any doses that you please, from the decillionth of a grain to a grain, and you may explain the results as you like. But as an educated physician, and a gentleman, you may not advertise yourself as an arsenio-pemphigist, and denounce every one who does not adopt your theory and practice, and as there is a good deal of common-sense truth in the old adage, that a man may be known by the company he keeps, you will not have more to do than you can help with the men who do so advertise themselves; and still less will you have to do with those who advertise themselves as antiarsenio-pemphigists, and then treat their cases with arsenic after all, and claim the results as due to dynamized brickdust.

And please observe that this is all that you have to do. You are not to enter into controversies with them or abuse them, you are not to repine over their success or exult over their failures. They have another code of ethics from your own; that is all that need be said about it. Thus far I have been speaking of fairly educated sectarian physicians. As to the ordinary, uneducated, and bill-distributing quack, with his sure cure for cancer, or his pure vegetable specific for coughs, rheumatism, and dyspepsia, you may be sure that in the long run he will make rather more business for you

than he takes away. Do not fall into the error of supposing that legislation can prevent the existence of this class of men, or that you need the protection of the law against them. The public interest demands such protection, if for no other reason than to secure a proper registration of the causes of deaths of all citizens, and it is not only your right, but your duty, to call the attention of legislators to these interests, but never seek protection on your own account.

Be honest to yourselves as well as to other people, and do not be afraid of admitting that you do not know, or feel bound to attempt an explanation of all that you see or do. He who would know anything thoroughly must be content to be ignorant of many things. Try to define to yourself, as clearly as possible, your own ignorance; it is the first step towards remedying it, and be sure that the modest student, whether he be under-graduate or learned professor, will everywhere meet with helping hands in the great brotherhood of science.

There are many men who are honest in purpose, and yet who are constantly, although not consciously, untruthful; they see that which they think they ought to see, and not that which is.

I am reminded that this is a valedictory address, and that in it I must bid you farewell. This I do in behalf of your teachers, whose unavailing regrets that they are not to have another opportunity of meeting you in the examination-room, you can imagine much better than I can describe. What they could do for you they have done. And now, as Emerson says, "We have accompanied you with sympathy, and manifold old sayings of the wise, to the gate of the arena, but 'tis certain that not by strength of ours, or of the old sayings, but only on strength of your own, unknown to us or to any, you must stand or fall." You may be sure of our best wishes for your success and happiness.

"Who misses or who wins the prize, go lose or conquer as you can;
But if you fall or if you rise, be each, pray God,
a gentleman."

But while I bid you farewell as students, I also bid you welcome to the ranks of the pro-