

In passing from this phase of the subject it can be truly stated that the ethical obligations of the medical citizen are many and onerous, but the following quotation contains enough inspiration to lighten the burden: "The pure joy of achievement, the calm pleasure that comes with the consciousness of a worthy task nobly done, is—if not reward enough for any man—certainly reward enough for any member of that profession whose proudest distinction is that it puts the welfare of all so high above individual profit."

#### DEPORTMENT.

Medical history shows that the medical citizen is just as much influenced by his environments as those in other callings are. Lingered traces may even yet be seen of the customs and prejudices of bygone days. The coachman, dressed in livery, is a relic of a custom prevalent in semi-barbaric or non-Christian ages, when people were divided into two classes, masters and slaves, or masters and servants. The influence of Christianity in teaching the brotherhood of man is bringing into disrepute all customs that place the badge of servitude on a fellow-being. Many ladies now, on going abroad with a nurse, have her dresses made by their own dressmaker, so that, outside the privacy of the bedroom, she is treated as one of the party of tourists. To-day, most physicians prefer to drive themselves. If they require the services of a groom, they allow him to dress as he pleases. In some cases without the livery, it might be hard for the public to know "who was who."

A century or two ago the physician's dress was quite an important factor in his make-up. In a picture, "The First Meeting of the Medical Society of London, 1773," the well-powdered wig, silk coat, knee breeches, large ruffles, etc., make quite an æsthetic costume. The hurry, flurry and worry of life in the latter half of the past century, and so far in this one, seem to have taken away from the medical citizen much of the æsthetic taste in dress, and of the courtly deportment so very noticeable a century ago. The modern physician has adopted the dress and mannerisms of the business man. In politics he is just as partisan as his fellows, and in municipal and educational affairs, he has as many "pet hobbies" as other men have. While the medical citizen holds his views as strongly as any others do, yet he learns from his daily contact with the sick and disabled to be somewhat more tolerant toward conflicting opinions than laymen are. To sum up the most characteristic traits in his deportment, it can be said that he is self-reliant, industrious, sympathetic and sociable.