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quoting Caird's explanation of the term ethics.

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An analysis of this explanation would teach us, as members of the Pharmaceutical Society, our necessary qualifications, duties and responsibilities. Assuming that the Pharmacist has received a fair education, and is in this respect qualified to perform his various duties with intelligence and accuracy; it will be generally admitted that he would be still better fitted for his position by having what is usually called moral principle. This may be said of every man, but it seems to have peculiar force when applied to the pharmacist, whose position is one of trust, the interests committed to his charge being so important as to require that even in minute and trifling details his duties should be conscientiously performed, and in many cases the only guarantee to the public is his professional and moral character.

Certain ethical principles are common to humanity, such as prudence, diligence, punctuality, honesty, sobriety, with the kindred excellencies. It would upset the moral government of the world to live without them, and on the assumption that the pharmacist knows and practices these true principles it is taken for granted that he must regulate his conduct by the observance of ethical laws. But while there are ethics which concern humanity in general, there are others which belong specially to pharmacy, and these we will consider.

Our worthy brother must have experienced no small difficulty from the danger of crowding the main theme with details, useful and important in themselves, but relatively of minor interest, and I claim your indulgence if in the transposition I have committed this error. The subject is introduced by Mr. Ince's remarks on "the ethics of the shop." Pharmacy is a trade when a man buys goods at one price to sell them at another, gaining the advantage in tariff, being further influenced by the known law of supply and demand. When he buys in undivided bulk to sell again in undivided bulk, he is a merchant. When he purchases in undivided bulk to vend in large though divided bulk, he is a wholesale tradesman. When he buys articles in divided bulk, to sell again in small divided bulk, he is a retail tradesman; nor does it make the slightest difference whether he sells hats or turkey rhubarb, nor whether the vender of the rhubarb be Sir Humphrey Davy.

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