

them, till they at length really believe that to all medical men money is a secondary consideration. When the doctor does venture to send in a bill for services rendered, it is cast aside, and in most cases its payment left to a convenient season, which, unfortunately, is often long in making an appearance. While we would not for a moment detract from the noble and philanthropic character of our profession, yet let it be distinctly understood and stated that each graduate has chosen the profession of medicine with a view of earning his living. We have been induced to make these few remarks from reading an article in a recent number of the *Medical Brief*, and which so well gives our views that we copy it in full. It is as follows:

Uriah Heep was not an humble man. His conceit merely took an unusual way of displaying itself. So, there is a great deal of "goodness" in the world which is nothing but weakness. Genuine goodness is not a passive quality. The man who submits to injury rather than make an effort at retaliation is not a good man, he is lazy and a coward.

There is nothing higher than Justice. It punishes, rewards, instructs, without respect of persons.

Real goodness acts. It teaches by example rather than precept. It is true, first, to the legitimate interests of the individual man, and consequently forwards those of all men. It compels a man to be an honest, straightforward, self-respecting, self-controlled, responsible member of society. It does not permit the substitution of a lurid emotional display for the conscientious, exact performance of duty.

The idea that it is man's duty to submit cheerfully to imposition, yea, even go half way to meet it, has done a great deal of harm. The do-nothing policy is the line of least resistance, and when man is glorified for it, it becomes doubly attractive.

All forms of charity, except the emergency kind, are species of imposition. The Doctor is the most preyed upon of all men. This is largely his own fault. He has educated the public to believe that it is his duty to furnish the necessary knowledge and skill when disease occurs, and that pay is altogether a secondary consideration.

The Doctor is now suffering, as all men must suffer who neglect their own interests. Nature provides no special Providences to reward this sort of goodness. She calls things by their right name, and smartly punishes carelessness.

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