

Our work has its bright side also. There is a fascination about it to one who truly seeks after truth, and who wishes to advance the art of medicine. His remuneration will be greater than can be computed in dollars and cents. Sometimes we feel amply rewarded by the successful issue of what seemed an intractable case; or if we were unable to prevent the inevitable we may have the satisfaction of having done our best, and mitigated the sufferings of our patient.

Our calling is preeminent. In no other will so large a proportion of its members be found so self-sacrificing or more devoted to the welfare of humanity, with hope of reward other than the approval of their own conscience. Yet, our noble calling is marred by our one besetting sin, the bane of professional, as well as of social life—*jealousy*, a spirit most vitiating to our manhood; and so long as this spirit exists, just so long will people withhold the respect to which our profession is otherwise entitled.

If we would have the public mind regard the dignity and worth of our profession, we must show to them by our daily walk and conversation that our chief delight is to uphold its honor. We must cultivate a fraternal spirit among ourselves, and carry out the great moral precept, "Whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you even so to them." And let us while mindful of our own, uphold the reputation of our friends and competitors in our profession. As it is only natural for one to make mistakes, I do not claim that there is any of us who never err in our conduct towards our professional brethren, for all must have at some time come short of the glorious precepts of the Golden Rule. But I do insist that each and all should strive to attain a state of perfection in our professional conduct toward each other. Too often we allow the laity to cause us to break every rule of etiquette. They will come to us seeking our opinion of a case that a fellow practitioner has been treating, or they will ask us to visit and treat a patient that another physician has been attending without informing us of the fact, and if we do not question them on the matter we may cause ourselves no little mortification by visiting another physician's patients.

The idea is prevalent in the popular mind that they may call a second or even a third physician to the same case without the consent or knowledge of the first, or without their having formally discharged their former attendant. If the latter is done, or the first physician for reasons of his own declines continuing the case, I think it is the