

practise medicine and that is in a spirit of humanity to the truth, and especially to the new truth, but to the truth proven.

Probably the most effective mental quality that most young practitioners lack, that few men have at beginning, is the power of imperturbability. No other quality so makes the physician superior to accidents, emergencies and trouble as this; as no other is so profitable in making his reputation as a power.

If a patient dies on the operating table, or goes out in a minute from pulmonary hemorrhage, or, if you discover you have blundered, you must not shake; and you must not throw up your hands while life lasts. However appalling the emergency you must not be dismayed; and you must make your best fight when the tide sets against you. In athletic games that man is worth little who can only play his best when victory and the shouts of his friends are in the air. So in this professional life, the man who is strong only when no calamity threatens is worth little. In this civilian career the best quality of a soldier is needed, that quality is dependableness in times of trouble.

Finally, there are a few ideals that are so vital for an all-round success that they are sacred. One is that this business of life is too important for us to waste time and energy in contentions for personal ends. If we contend it must be for some principle or for a benefit to the public whose servants we are. There is one sovereign remedy for all personal quarrels that anybody may attempt to get you into, that is, to ignore them and go on with your work. If you will only have pleasure in this and let it fill your days, you will have no time to contend, and your neighbors will soon know the fact.

Another ideal, and the most sacred of them all, is one of discontent—a discontent that must only end with your latest breath of mentally competent life. You must be dissatisfied with the many unsolved questions of science; problems of the greatest interest; problems that concern the lives of all the people. It is an unending work of love and interest to solve them; and the long night of our past ignorance about them must not discourage you. So much new science has come by the labors of our profession within the memory of men still young, that nobody should be discouraged as to the future. Cancer will be understood, and pernicious anemia and diabetes, and a hundred other diseases; and the greatest enemy of all, tuberculosis, will be controlled, and toward these ends every man can contribute. If you cannot become an investigator you may help hold up the arms of another who is, and so shall have some part in the cumulative consummation. Stirred by this discontent your eyes must look