

questionable methods in our own ranks. We must cultivate the most friendly and intimate relations one with the other ; we must strive in every way to live up to the highest ideals of our honored profession, and with one accord unite to slay this hydra-headed monster that is gorging itself upon the populace, and thus depriving us of our just inheritance. You can scarcely pick up a newspaper without seeing something like this :—"Having tried all the doctors." It is not necessary to go further—you all know it, have seen it in all its artful and seductive forms. It is a deliberate lie from first to last, and in ninety-nine cases out of an hundred the party whose name is subscribed never authorized it at all. I saw some such advertisement within the last year signed by a lady whom I was treating for the very disease the testimonial professed her to be cured of. This is deliberate fraud, and ought to be legislated against. Again, how many people are rendered miserable by reading advertisements describing diabetes, Bright's disease, etc., etc., by symptoms common to these diseases perhaps, but symptoms that one might have without being seriously diseased at all. Not only are they rendered miserable, but defrauded of their hard-earned money, and by brooding over their imaginary ailments, eventually made unfit for work, and even in some cases terminate their existence in an insane hospital. Yes, gentlemen, here is a sphere in which we may labor with benefit to ourselves and untold advantage to our deceived fellow-men. We know the facts, they do not ; it is not only our opportunity but our imperative duty to enlighten and protect them. Our legislators, unless they are medical men, do not know these things ; our clergymen and lawyers, strange to say, do not recognize the situation ; but we do, and it is our duty to devise ways and means for the enlightenment of others. "Do unto others as you would that they should do to you." I do not intend in this short paper to discuss methods of procedure, nor do I pretend to have any definite scheme in mind for bringing about the desired result. This is matter for our deliberation and discussion. Whatever is done must be undertaken carefully, for it is to our own interest, and we will be at once charged with looking out for our own pockets.

"Up then in Freedom's manly part,  
From greybeard old to fiery youth !  
And on the nation's naked heart  
Scatter the living coals of Truth.