

food, the medical supervision of school children—in fact, everything furthering sanitary science and preventive medicine. What has the other fellow been doing? Knocking! Suggesting nothing; but cutting in upon the bare moiety of practice left the educated, skilled, trained practitioner.

The men in high places, however, are generally speaking, men of keen insight and well seized of the great self-sacrifice of the profession of medicine. They realize the abundant proofs produced. They are not unmindful of the dangers of free medicine. Fortunate is it that in most cases they are guided by the past work and present conditions—by its training and experience which affords a clearer understanding.

Educational requirements cannot be too strict as regards the healing art. Influence and politics must have no part in such a question. And surely the medical profession is asking no favor for itself in asking that all forms of treatment of the sick require the very best educated, scientific, and trained minds any country can produce.

The healing art is too sacred to be trifled with for monetary gain. If the medical profession had not always recognized that altruistic principle, they would never have given freely of their services to the poor, to the hospitals, and to everything which tended to the conservation of the morality, the health and the lives of the people. That is the corner-stone upon which it has been built; its professional house is founded upon that rock.

There may be wise men yet who assert that the people should be left their superstitions, as they have their movies, etc.; that the people have always been fond of the prodigies, the fortune-tellers, the pilgrimages, and the quack-doctors. That may have done for the nineteenth and previous centuries. But in a century boasting of its education and culture, in a century damned by the most horrible war in all history, where humanity is fighting for liberty and right, a new era of right and justice to all must surely be born.

Justice and right must take the place of trickery, quackery, roguery and superstition.