

“arraigned and refused the charge of a congregation, the lawyer
“who acts dishonestly may be disowned by the bar and denied
“recognition and standing in the Courts, but the medical pro-
“fession has no such protection against offenders. The only
“Court to which the medical profession can appeal is that which
“is in perpetual session, the public, and in that court there is
“no bar to recognition on account of conduct, character, or
“acquirements. There each man stands for himself. He may
“robe himself in the honorable name of the profession, and do
“honor to it by his life, or he may dishonor it without being
“arraigned or cast out. He may obey or disregard them, for,
“in the view of that great court before which he practices, once
“a doctor, always a doctor.”

Cultivate, I pray you, the habit of a strict adherence to the real and true facts in all cases on which you give an opinion. We are all prone to error, even after having exhausted all our best efforts at arriving at a solution of some difficult medical problem. But on no account should we ever willingly distort the exact truth as it may show itself to us for any apparent advantage such would seem to afford. Yet, how often this is done! How notorious it is that certain individuals who are no credit to our profession make a constant practice of calling a mild and self-curable disease by some formidable name, that they may, upon recovery ensuing, receive from the *quidnuncs* all the credit of the cure. This point is thus forcibly alluded to in the recent Presidential Address of the New York State Medical Society: “When the pre-eminent importance of accurate diagnosis is considered, when the difficulties that environ its acquisition are appreciated, when it is understood how patient and enduring are the observations that lead up to the mastery of the nomenclature of medicine, and the comprehension of the varied conditions it represents, it is humiliating to hear the most profound disorders that affect mankind bandied about in common speech as the veriest plaything of the hour. The diphtherias that come into homes as plentifully as summer showers over the landscape, and pass away as soon—the peritonitis that disturbs the quiet of the night, and is dissipated with the