

amongst us by a determination to allow the control of no party, whether that party be connected with the university or the outside profession. And in this manner we will be best able to ward off the demons of discord.

Our Academy is yet but an infant, and as the infant grows its requirements will be greater. We must appeal on its behalf to those whose good fortune it is to accumulate wealth and whose noble generosity urges them to use it for the benefit of mankind. While such benefactors will be aiding this Academy by increasing our resources and enabling us to put before the members of the profession that which keeps them in constant touch with the best developments in the profession throughout the world, they will be benefiting humanity in general.

It is essential to the vigorous life of the medical community that free discussion of the all-important problems of life and death shall take place frequently, and that there shall be an exchange of ideas and a comparison of experiences. Here the old must teach the young, and the young may do much to keep the old in touch with the march of progress. "Medicine in the not distant past but held the shadow of knowledge, it now holds the substance; it labored long in hopeless efforts to be of use, it now waits upon humanity with the most brilliant service." Much has been accomplished. The culture tube and the microscope unearthed priceless treasures, and we are now looking carefully into the question of immunity, which, once understood, will be followed by a rational therapy before which the great life-saving discoveries of Jenner and Lister may fade into comparative insignificance. But there are vast fields yet unexplored. Cancer stalks in our midst to-day just as it has done for centuries, and we are no more able to afford relief now than in the past. To meet, to discuss, to learn from one another, and to put forth a united effort we must be organized. The medical profession has always lacked organizing power, the power the Academy should be able to wield in this community. Let the first organized effort be to provide an assembly room for our meetings. In doing this no encroachment should be made upon the small trust fund already established, and no building should be begun until all the money required has been subscribed. I would suggest that committees be appointed to deal with this matter.

We should exact a high standard of conduct, but at the same time we should endeavor to protect the business interests of our brethren, and to put forth a concerted effort to do away with all abuses that tend to rob us of our just emoluments. Fair fees should be paid for the work done, but they should be properly curtailed in the interests of the best traditions of the profession. The doctor's daughter says that her father does not work for money but for the good he does; but such a sentiment, if idealistic, will not