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ETHICS.

At the recent, very largely attended, annual business meeting of the American Association of American Physio-Medical Physicians and Surgeons, held in Chicago, the president, Dr. A. E. Gannage, said: "Medicine at present is not a science, but you should strive to make it one, and this will only be accomplished by elevating the standard of education and training in all branches of the profession.

"I urge the adoption of a new code of ethics by the profession which will not carry with it injustice and hypocrisy. It is time the doctors of the great schools of medicine united to fight the common enemy, disease, instead of fighting among themselves. I regret that the profession of physician has degenerated into commercialism."

Evidences of the world's progress are accumulating every day, but in no line are they more beneficial and welcome than in that of the province of medicine. The broad, liberal view taken by Dr.

Gannage, should be welcomed by every physician who has the interests of his patients, as well as the welfare of his fellows, at heart. Bidding, as it does, for a new era in the standing of the guardians of the community's health, the advice should be scattered broadcast, so that its far-reaching good be made known to all.

United effort against the common enemy, disease, would stamp the beginning years of the twentieth century with a mark on the pages of the world's history that would make the great combinations of finance and their doings pale into insignificance. The united efforts of doctors would go far towards educating the people to lead better lives, conserve their strength, lessen the advent of diseased weaklings, save to a large extent the lives of our children, and work for the harmony and well being of the whole human race. The limitation of possibilities in this direction is boundless and the benefits gained would be beyond power of computation.

Let us hope that the time is rapidly approaching when petty personalities, jealousies, and dissensions will vanish, and in their place will grow that desire to do the greatest good to the greatest number, thus raising the profession of medicine above the insinuation of commercialism.