

### Medical Experience Is Built Gradually.

Every doctor who sits down and reviews his past life will see that the sum of his knowledge has been a gradual growth, that he has added to it little by little through study and investigation, sifted and weighed it by experience and organized it by use. Something else has grown side by side with knowledge, built gradually by similar processes, and of no less value than knowledge. That something is character.

Character is a spiritual force which enables man to use his knowledge and skill to the highest advantage, the noblest end. All physicians and surgeons who have attained world-wide and lasting fame have been men of lofty character, men whom we instinctively trust and respect, men who inspire us with hope and courage, men whose strong souls radiate an atmosphere of cheer. Talent and ability may and do exist apart from character, but they resemble an unharnessed, ill-guided, wanton force, which is quite as apt to smite and destroy as to aid and benefit.

Character is inherited in the form of moral instincts and acquired through precept and practice. Character may be built up and strengthened by right thinking and right doing, or it may be frittered away by sophistry and self-indulgence. We cannot be too exacting in our moral standards or too rigid in conforming to them. The man who is not building character is wrecking it, yet it is the only real, inseparable wealth which he possesses, and which blesses and enriches his posterity with natural gifts which cannot corrupt and lead astray, as material wealth sometimes does.—*Indian Medical Record.*

### A Case of Triple Personality.

The Pathological Institute of the New York State Hospital for the Insane has recently reported a case of great scientific interest with admirable practical results, occurring in the department of the institute devoted to psychology and psychopathology. The case is a remarkable one of amnesia, the patient being a clergyman, about twenty-six years old, who fell out of a wagon, and, striking upon his head, became unconscious. When he recovered from the stupor, it was found that he had completely lost his memory, and that his personality was lost with it. His mental condition was that of an infant, and in the course of education to which he was subjected, he developed a new personality, totally different from the old. He next manifested the phenomena of alternating personality, and awaking in possession of his primitive personality, and *vice versa*. Neither personality was at all conscious of the other. The patient thus had two consciousnesses, which he possessed