

Not the least of the qualifications for professional success are, then, good manners; but these must be genuine, and not sham. The physician should be a gentleman; I do not mean in appearance only, in outward demeanour, in the cleanliness of his linen or the cut of his clothes, but in very heart. The illustrious Thackeray, in his lecture on George the Fourth, asks, "What is it to be a gentleman? It is to have lofty aims, to lead a pure life, to keep your honour virgin, to have the esteem of your fellow citizens and the love of your fireside, to bear good fortune meekly, to suffer evil with constancy, and through evil or good to maintain truth always. Show me the happy man whose life exhibits these qualities, and him we will salute as gentleman, whatever his rank may be." High as these attainments may seem to reach, I am sure I have seen not a few of our own profession who, in the modest performance of the duties of life, have touched the standard.—*Col. & Clin. Rec.*

A man some 50 years of age, smoking a cigarette in a jaunty Scotch cap, striking pantaloons, long sandy English cut whiskers, sandy complexion, and as perfectly typical Scotch face as if he enjoyed the euphonious appellation of "Sandy." But the fancy tie, pants, and attitude bespoke in a remarkable wise the "sport." As my companion afterwards remarked, he looked as if he were going to say, "Well, boys, what are you going to take?" He removed the funny cap, and did not look so sportive. He greeted us kindly and began to look quite different. The operator had improved in our eyes. Then followed an explanation of the cases with chalk at the board, and with each step a remarkable change in his appearance, in so much that he seemed to us entirely another man. By the time he had finished examining his candidates, we concluded that Dr. R. Volkman most emphatically is not a *dude*, but a genius of rare ability, but with some eccentricities.—*N. W. Lan.*

But woe to the man who, through his own inefficiency, has lost confidence in the drugs he prescribes; these very peculiarities of his patients will unsettle his opinions, render him uncertain as to his prescriptions, and vacillating in his advice. The only justification a man can have for administering a drug to anyone is his belief in its likelihood to be of service,

and any one who, from ignorance or inefficiency, has no confidence in drugs can never be at his own command, nor in possession of a clear conscience, if he prescribes them.—*Med. Ann.*

AN OLD DEFINITION OF THE MEANING OF "DOCTOR."—A. Cresswell Rich writes to the *British Medical Journal*: The following epigram appears at the end of the preface to "The Practice of Physic," by Lazarus Riverius. From my study at Montpelier, July 1, 1653. It is signed "W. R." :—

"Doctors, or Teachers, they of Physick are
(Whether by Pen they do it, or in Chair,
With lively Voce), that teach the way to know
Man's Nature, Health and Sickness, and do show
Diseases, Cause, and Cure. But they who spend
Their Life in Visits, and whose Labours end
In taking Fees, and giving Paper-scrowls,
FACTORS of Physick are; and none but Owls
Do count such Doctors, that no Latin know,
From whence that Name did to our Language flow.
W. R., Doctor, and Factor of Physick."

—*Can. Med. and Surg. Jnl.*

THE following placard hangs in a Tennessee store window :

Peppermint Ile for.

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Tooth "

A disconsolate looking doctor on meeting an Hibernian friend, attributed his sorrow to the fact that he had just returned from his vacation and found his wife in bed with cerebro-spinal-meningitis. "Howly Moses!" says Pat, and fwhy didn't yeesh shoot the Oifalian scoundrel."—*Med. Age.*

A writer in *Hygiene Pratique* states that boots and shoes may be rendered waterproof by soaking them for some hours in thick soap-water. The compound forms a fatty acid with the leather.

A prominent surgeon once had a female patient in whose bladder was a calculus concreted around a hair-pin, and he remarked that the patient's misfortune was probably due to an attempt to pin up her water-fall.

Married.

DUNCAN—LUKES—On Wednesday, April 30, at the residence of the bride's father, Church st., Toronto, by the Rev. William Briggs, J. T. Duncan, M.B., to Alice, eldest daughter of William Lukes, Esq.

GRACEY—SCOTT—On Wednesday, April 30, J. Archibald Gracey, M.D., Essex Centre, to Miss Abbie Scott, eldest daughter of C. Tait Scott, Esq., Wingham.

MACHELL—BROUGHALL—On Wednesday, April 30th, at St. Stephen's Church, by the Lord Bishop of Ontario, Emily, eldest daughter of the Rev. A. J. Broughall, to H. T. Machell, M.D., of Toronto.