

student than the old system of apprenticeship, where he was brought early in contact with the better classes. As beginners your practice for some time, however, will be chiefly confined to the poor, to whom be ever kindly in your manner and generous of your services.

In the discharge of your professional duties be always truthful, but withal, cautious. Always avoid haste in forming your conclusions. Nature does not reveal her secrets to the hasty or superficial observer. Having recognized a grave or fatal malady, exercise a prudent reticence else you may take away hope and thus deprive yourself of a powerful assistant in the future management of the case. Since the establishment of training schools, and the presence in almost every community of so-called professional nurses, the work of the practitioner is made infinitely casier and freer from anxiety. In order that the nurse may be the more helpful she should be made acquainted with the salient points in the case and also with the line of treatment, for thus you prepare her for emergencies, and the alarm which odd and unexpected symptoms often produce is prevented. You will constantly be obliged to entrust important cases to unskilled attendants. Here you should be most careful to give the plainest instructions, especially in surgical cases where hemorrhage or gangrene might occur. After the setting of fracture, for instance, take some trouble to point out to some intelligent person in attendance how the condition of the circulation should be tested. Thus may much unnecessary suffering and other unpleasant consequences be avoided.

I cannot impress upon you too forcibly the great necessity for constantly enlarging the knowledge which you have acquired here. Hitherto you have been really learning how and what to study. Continue, then, your habits of study. Remember that medicine is pre-eminently a progressive science, opening up day by day fresh fields for investigation. Every man, then, in our profession must be a student through his life. The one who remains stationary is really retrograding, when all around him are moving on in advance. Our task is, moreover, made doubly difficult, because we have to unlearn, as well as to learn. We