

ways have been contributed to modern surgery, among other measures, the bloodless mode of amputation, the antiseptic treatment of wounds, and the extension of subcutaneous sections.

In your relation to society, you will have opportunities of spreading broadcast the suggestions of preventive medicine and hygiene. Though to tell others how to keep well may seem like taking the bread out of your own mouths, yet, as men of the nobler sort, you are not to gild your houses by fostering error or by preying upon ignorance, but you are to rise upon the wings of disinterestedness far above all thought of personal loss. To point out all the benefits you would in this way convey might seem Utopian: let it suffice to say that you may communicate such intelligence as, if acted upon, may be the means of leading to a greatly reduced nomenclature of disease. It may be, for example, the source of abating the innumerable evils of intemperance which either predisposes to, or excites, or renders worse, a very large number of maladies. Your teachings, furthermore, may be the means of preventing the spread of typhoid fever, of weakening pestilence of its virulence, of lessening the spread of epidemics, and of increasing the salubrity of your locality. Furthermore, by the right use of your medico-legal acquirements, you may be the honored instrument of aiding in the suppression of vice, in securing the punishment of crime, and in the preservation of virtue.

Remember to have always a proper regard for your patients. Dr. Johnson, "the great leviathan of English literature," as he has been called, describes the practice of medicine to be "a melancholy attendance upon misery, a mean submission to peevishness, and a constant interruption of pleasure." It is pleasant to know that this does not agree with what others have usually found it to be. To be interrupted is what you desire, and for being so you will commonly receive your reward. Your visits to the sick should be most pleasant,—what can be more so when they will be attended with relief of the raging thirst, sleep to the wakeful brain, ease to pain, power to the palsied, strength to the weak, the reinstatement of reason upon her throne, and like offices which humanity cries out for in its hour of sore dis-