

attitude of being a missionary. He must live, that he may continue his mission. At times he receives high fees. Indeed such men receive the very highest fees, for the people are not all fools, and merit will eventually be recognized, and its reward cheerfully given. But the professional man, while exacting large fees from the rich, takes smaller ones from the less wealthy, and perhaps nothing at all from the needy. But even in his treatment of the very rich, he acts in a professional manner. He has in his own mind a fixed valuation for the service rendered. If the patron can afford this maximum sum, it is demanded. But if the next applicant for a similar service should own ten millions instead of one, the fee would be no greater. When a patient is entrusted to his care, the thought uppermost is not, "How much can I make out of this patient," but, rather, "How much good can I accomplish; how much comfort can I afford to this sufferer?" In all services rendered the highest standard is ever before him. Whatever method promises the most lasting benefit he pursues without regard to time, money, or personal convenience. Many men fill teeth with amalgum, and preach the great advantage of using this material in preference to gold, who adopt such a course from laziness, and they write their articles to quiet a troublesome conscience, like the coward in the dark, who held one of his hands with the other trying to believe that he was not alone. Such a man is not truly professional.

The true professional man, then, is that man who is especially adapted to all the demands of his calling, both moral and mental. He has ever prominent in his mind the best interests of his patient, of his fellow practitioners, and of his profession which, by every act, he endeavors to lift to a higher plane in the esteem of the community. He conducts himself at all time so that his patrons place themselves, their wives and daughters, in his care with confidence in his integrity, and faith in his skill.

In New York City there resides one dentist who represents the highest type of the professional man.

#### THE QUACK PROFESSIONAL MAN.

Among those who claim to be professional men will be found men who are professional in varying degree, until at the opposite extreme we find the quack professional. The quack professional, is like the crow who daubed himself with white paint and flocked with the geese, that the farmer might not suspect that he had one eye on the growing corn. This man is in dentistry for what there is in it. He poses with the professional men because perhaps by education and social position he naturally desires a clientele among the higher classes. He has no wish to work for the poor. It is the purse of the millionaire which is his constant aim. Such