

TALENT IN MEDICINE

The medical profession is not different from other workforce sharing with them all common interests, hobbies and talents. The majority of these activities are unrelated to medicine. Many are musicians, performers, artists, writers, critics, astronomers, photographers, etc not to mention their excellence in the world of sports. On the other hand there are also instances when the practice of these activities take the form of applied interpretation of what they know in human pathobiology and the concerned function. Thus some may be historians of clinical practice, clinical pharmacologists of locally used herbs, or clinical therapists of locally practiced folk medicine.

This section of the Bahrain Medical Bulletin will be devoted to "Talents in the Medical Profession" to show and exchange with others common interests and applied experience. Contributors are therefore welcomed to submit their presentation. This issue contains two poems, titled "Won't Fall Again" and "Quotations on the Wall".

The Chief Editor

Won't Fall Again

I've stumbled and fallen a hundred times,
Have made the same mistake a number of times.
Suffered the consequences also each time,
Learnt the lesson and somehow risen every time.

But alas! The lesson learnt was forgotten in no time,
Temptation overwhelmed me the very next time.
I fell flat on my face the n'th time,
Hurt badly but I limped back even this time.

Its temptation, temptation, temptation, beware!
It makes a fool of an intelligent one, O dear.
Resisting temptation and then fighting it back,
If that was simple, Sir, I won't fall flat.

Today I've risen after yet another fall,
I'm positive, determined not again to fall.
This time I'm certain there won't be another fall,
In that confidence today I walk tall.

Are you laughing at my huge predicament?
You're only smiling at my faith and firmament.
If you have fallen to temptation yourself,
Don't lose heart, be bold and gently raise yourself!

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Quotations on the Wall*

We are born in ignorance, knowing nothing at all,
Blank looks, dependent for things big and small.
But potential energy lies latent, hidden in us all,
Parents and teachers kindle our flames as we crawl.

Slowly, steadily, we pick up valuable bits,
Through spoken and written pieces of wit.
Wisdom of ages put in one-line bits:
These quotations lead us, when we're at loss of our wits.

“Do to others as you wish to be done by.”
“Look before you leap, think before you speak.”
“No pains, no gains” “As much sugar so much sweet”.
“Whatever you sow that only thou shall reap.”

“Be good, do good” “Practice makes a man perfect.”
“Work more, talk less” “A smile wins friends, at no cost.”
“To err is human, to forgive divine” “Excess of everything is bad.”
“Actions speak louder than words” “As the company, so is man”

Such quotations and a hundred more, strike our ears over and o'er,
We check them with our experience, make them our very own.
We then pass them onto next generations with some of our own notes,
Wisdom continues to live and grow; we all love witty ‘Quotable Quotes!’

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