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We seem to have convinced ourselves that the following sayings are all outdated: -

"Practice is better than precept".

"Substance is important than the form".

"Knowledge is vital than the show of it".

"Begin not with a programme but with a deed".

We excuse the deterioration in the Professional Standards on the plea that we are but a part of Society, and the deteriorations in the Nation are bound to be reflected in us.

The need of the hour is that we professionals should withstand these forces. Our duty is to make the people look to the future.

Our conscience must be clear; we should be of a 'steel frame'; and must dispel the devils.

We must be convinced that we have a role to play. We should not beat about the bush, but turn the corner for the better.

The fountainhead of our strength should be sound knowledge, which increases, when given. We should avoid a show of knowledge, which is nothing but an exhibition of a weak mind.

We are the guardians of the Nation's finances, and with it the Nation's morale. Our actions and behavior should inspire the society at large to better themselves.

Let each of us resolve to be the vanguard, and help and guide others to help themselves.

- Sham G. Argade