

THE OATH OF MAIMONIDES



by eternal providence has appointed me to watch over the life and health of Thy creatures. ¶ May the love for my art actuate me at all times; may neither avarice nor miserliness, nor thirst for glory, or for a great reputation engage my mind; for the enemies of truth and philanthropy could easily deceive me and make me forgetful of my lofty aim of doing good to Thy children. ¶ May I never see in the patient anything but a fellow creature in pain. ¶ Grant me strength, time and opportunity always to correct what I have acquired, always to extend its domain; for knowledge is immense and the spirit of man can extend infinitely to enrich itself daily with new requirements. ¶ Today he can discover his errors of yesterday and tomorrow he may obtain a new light on what he thinks himself sure of today. ¶ O, God, Thou hast appointed me to watch over the life and death of Thy creatures; here am I ready for my vocation, and now I turn unto my calling. ¶

