

Dental Society and attend as regularly as possible. Our association meeting in the summer and the Ontario Dental Society in the winter afford us the opportunity of attending a dental society meeting semi-annually, which is none too often. The president of the Vermont State Dental Society said, when addressing the annual meeting: "We all know the healthful influence the Dental Society exerts over its members; how it cultivates and develops brotherly love, removes suspicion, and is a source of inspiration to both young and old." He further says: "There is no man endowed with so much natural ability, skill and tact, with a head so full of brains, loaded with knowledge, but that he can make just a little more of himself by mingling with others in the same pursuit."

It is regrettable that a few have gained access to our ranks who have little regard for their profession or professional brethren. Hence the increasing number of dental shops in the larger cities which are supported by a certain class of the public who are attracted by advertisements of low fees. The more we can educate the public the less there will be for those shops to do, for the intelligent and informed will respect us as we respect our profession. They will realize, as the proprietor of one of those shops recently told me, that they pay for all they get.

We have a programme to present to you worthy of your closest consideration, and I hope every member will feel free to discuss fully the papers as they may be read. The greatest object of a paper read at a convention is to provoke discussion, which will frequently bring out points the essayist never thought of.

Hoping the meeting will prove highly successful, we will pass on to the next order of business.

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## CARE OF CHILDREN'S TEETH.\*

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This subject presents itself in two phases for our consideration: The care of the temporary set, and the care of the permanent teeth which may be said to appear in childhood. The cases are not precisely the same and must be studied from a somewhat different basis. The object in the care of the temporary set is merely to do palliative work with the idea of keeping the little one comfortable for a few years, rather than to undertake permanent operations. The avoidance of pain at this age is very important and this often involves the performance of temporary work. While

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