

his age, place of birth, residence, place of education, and the name of the college or dental school from which he received his degree, and the time of attendance thereat, which certificate should be subscribed by the applicant, and certified by at least one member of the Dental Council, after a careful enquiry and personal examination as to the character and habits of the applicant to be a fit and proper person to be enrolled or registered.

To prevent charlatans from entering our profession is, to my mind, the best way of raising said profession to the position it should occupy. As the law now stands, it is within the province of the various dental colleges recognized by the Council to pronounce upon the fitness, or otherwise, of the graduates they belch forth upon us, and therefore the good work must begin with them. Let them do their duty, and this generation will witness the funeral obsequies of the last dental quack. The professional sentiment of these schools will not rise above that of the profession at large, nor will it fall much below. These schools, backed by a strong sentiment of loyalty to the profession, will become much more careful about conferring their diplomas, and we will not have it to say, "These schools gobble up every person who can pay the required fee, only to vomit them forth upon the profession, irrespective of all considerations whatsoever," but on the contrary it will be our proudest boast that they send forth none but men who have honestly won their diplomas and who would be an ornament to any honorable profession.

A healthy sentiment of loyalty to the profession does not, like the gourd of Jonah, spring up in the night. It may be of slow growth, but, as assuredly as we cultivate it, it will grow until it permeates the whole profession, throwing the responsibility of protecting its own honor upon the Council by means of or through the rules and regulations aforesaid; will do much towards promoting a sentiment that will watch well over, and carefully uphold, the dignity of our profession, and be a powerful adjunct of the college in rescuing it from the whirlpool of quackery, charlatanism and general disrepute to which it has been dragged by these shameless adventurers (five dollar plate men and painless operators), who have degraded the profession to the level of the ordinary unskilled laborer and made it a camping ground of the quack, charlatan and dental impostor. Then the quack salver will be a thing of the past in our profession; the (so-called) painless operators will operate in other fields for a living; best material and workmanship will be obtained at regular prices through the regular legitimate dental channels, while the rock bottom price man will extract comfort from the fact, that the prices paid him were more than an equivalent for the services (?) rendered.