

profession what knowledge we may possess individually, which was formerly a serious obstacle to the progress of our art, and proficiency in its practice. And who can calculate the great good it is doing to mankind in reforming the low standard of professional competency which formerly existed, and which, we are sorry to be obliged to admit, still exists in too many instances.

"Why are we here? What unseen motives sway?
 Why darts from eye to eye the electric ray?
 What moves in unison this sociated heart?
 And why so eager each to get his part?
 Good angels surely must our minds inspire;
 How else this ardent wish, this fond desire?
 To grow in knowledge, and the truth believe,
 As happy to *impart* as to *receive*;
 Why are they here, the grey beard and the youth?
 The unseen motive what? 'Tis only *truth*;
 The electric fire a joyful message sends,
 And each and all are eager to be *friends*."

But if we would reap the greatest possible benefit from this, and kindred associations, we must each one work, casting all petty differences and unworthy envyings behind us to the dark past, where they properly belong. I am very sorry our American brethren are not represented here, to whose example in dental progress we are so much indebted. Personally I feel under great obligations to them for the knowledge and experience gained during my four year's practice in one of their principal cities, and would give them a hearty welcome to our young society, in return for the many courtesies received in the pleasant meetings of the Brooklyn Dental Association.

I am sure I am only expressing the wish of each present when I say, in the words of Sacred Writ, "Let brotherly love continue." Then will we see our Association on this side of the water, and on the other, fixed and firm upon a foundation where it must immovably repose until dentistry shall cease to be regarded as a profession.

Honest and untiring efforts for our brother's good, and the success of our common cause, will gain the blessed reward of accomplishing such results as will give our names to be recorded on the corridors of time, where they will be read and honored by all good and true men who pass that way to eternity.

THE DUTY OF DENTISTS TOWARDS PARENTS IN REFERENCE TO CHILDREN

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To the miserly, skin-flint dentist, who, rather than lose his fee of