

and would-be wits. Perhaps this may be but a small matter, but the continued irritation has produced a "raw" in the minds of more than one old attendant upon professional banquets. They feel that their dignity and that of the profession of which they are members is compromised by these vulgar exhibitions, and they sometimes cannot resist the impulse in a gentlemanly way to rebuke them.

A prominent city official was lately called upon to respond to a toast at a banquet given by dentists, and he got off the old grey-beard, time-honored puns. They were received in silence, and very soon afterward a dentist who was called upon to respond to another sentiment, in a grave manner and with apparent sincerity rebuked his brethren for their lack of veneration in not giving a fitting reception to time-honored jests, that were respectable for their antiquity if for nothing more. He said that they had listened to them so long that their repetition seemed like the voice of departed generations, and the least that should have been done was to receive them standing.

There was no more waste of cheap wit at the expense of the dentists on that occasion, and others than the offending official received a lesson that was needed. The dentists themselves were reminded that they had a personal and a professional dignity to defend, and that a decent sense of the proprieties demanded that they should exact, as they would show, the respect that is due to all self-respecting men.

As for the lampooning reports that are sometimes seen in the daily papers, probably we must continue to submit to them until a class of men with riper judgment and better manners fill the places of city editors, for it is useless to expect anything more elevated from the callow young men who are usually sent to report our meetings.—*The Dental Practitioner and Advertiser*.

Reviews.

Useful Hints for the Dentist. By WM. N. STEELE, D.D.S., Wilmington Dental Manufacturing Co., 1413 Filbert Street, Philadelphia. This is the second volume of Dr. Steele's compilation, in imitation of the standard work issued annually by Dr. Catching. There are 552 "useful hints," with some illustrations. A portion of the matter is original.

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