

since unlike conditions and circumstances demand a style peculiar and suitable in each case to make up the deficiency. All alike obnoxious and dishonorable, the main object being to deceive. Whether through the public press, programmes, or gay streamers hung up in public places, they all have the same purpose in view, and the same unprofessional effect in the end. The higher the standing of individuals the greater the harm done.

Take as an example a student at college, writing out the time for appointment with a patron on a card, on the back of which is printed the statement that "We charge for material only," and after the patient returns and has a tooth filled with amalgam, a charge of \$1.50 or \$2 is made. What a volume of ethical culture goes with such a transaction. What a feeling of honesty there is in it; and then that same student goes down town and drops into one of the hotels, and there on a post he sees the names of the faculty on a silk ribbon, telling where he may be found during certain hours. This, of course, is to convey to the unwary stranger the fact that his name, being on the nice yellow ribbon, would be a more desirable place to receive professional services, than across the way, where the portraits of those many nice-looking men with the stylishly trimmed whiskers, are placed on a bill board.

No credit or honor in the way of ethical training can ever be claimed by an institution that turns out young men under such conditions, though a few may reach the highest pedestal of fame, and from the time they leave the institution their march is upward and onward, elevating whenever they can, the soiled mantle of our code, by honesty and integrity. Many are found taking a different course, resorting to the various unprofessional ways to conduct their business, and in many cases they are only following out the principles taught them in their early education. Other influences might have produced different results.

What I have written upon this subject may exclude a few of the better colleges, but the fact remains that there are many and most of the colleges whose teaching and influence have a lowering instead of an elevating effect upon those brought in contact with them.

I am a firm believer in the saying "That the sins of omission are as great as the sins of commission." We should reach the highest perfection in our better colleges and wipe out of existence those which are conducted only for pecuniary considerations and not for dental education, and when this is done our attention should be turned to those disreputable places called "dental parlors," so numerous in all our large cities, some of them being conducted by men who are absolutely destitute of any knowledge upon the subject, have no thought of the high character of their work,