

I would say : Guard well the door entrusted to your keeping. Do well your whole duty. Be as sure of the good character of those who apply to you for admittance as you are to their professional ability. Sift the incoming men to the best of your ability. To you we look for aid to keep unworthy ones out. Be sure that none but such as are of good repute and well qualified are admitted.

The cry to down the Examining Boards as being unnecessary is the work of the colleges I believe, that they may the better increase the number of diplomas sold and to scatter them everywhere. I wish also to read a short quotation from a recent editorial in the *Digest*: "In dentistry the preliminary requirements are far too lax. Almost any young man can to-day enter a dental college if he has money enough to pay the necessary fees. His education is a secondary consideration, and his moral character is not scrutinized too closely. The exceptions to their propositions, are exceedingly rare, and when an applicant is rejected by our school he is almost invariably admitted to some other in the association."

I am glad to be able to say, however, that all dental graduates are not to be classed with these, for there are many young men worthy in every way, who have fitted and are fitting themselves for the profession of dentistry, who are ornaments to any business they may enter upon. It is not of them I have written, but of those who are dragging down our profession.

CONSCIENTIOUS DENTISTRY.*

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Mr. President, Ladies, and Gentlemen of the Vermont State Dental Society:

Some weeks ago I received a very kind invitation from the chairman of your Executive Committee to give a clinic before this society, which I very willingly accepted. I then received a very modest invitation from him, saying if I had a paper which I had read before he would be very glad to have me read it here. Well now, I had several, and good ones too, but they were not my own; and while he did not say anything about their authorship I thought it only fair to presume that he meant mine. I did, however, have one which I had read before our New Hampshire Society, but that

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