

endowment from the princely fortune of the late Dr. Thomas W. Evans, of Paris. It is said that his estate is close upon \$35,000,000, and that the bulk of it has been left for the purpose of elevating the dental profession of America, and this means a general elevation. We hold our breath with gratitude that this good fortune has really come to us.

It will enlist all the wisdom we possess for the best distribution of so colossal a sum of money. It ought to bring out the best talent, and give it a worthy recompense for a life's bestowal of it for the advantage that it can be to those that may be won to a future educated profession; and, more, will we not be able to maintain our claim, that we are an independent profession, by being able rightly to stand side by side with any of the learned callings? May it not be the bringing of the "Tiptop blue blossom" that so often inspired the heart of our much-loved brother, the late Dr. Atkinson? How he longed for such a day to come, that we would have the funds to realize the lofty consummation of his dearest thought. We do not think many really appreciated how dearly he held the calling of dentistry. Our intimate acquaintance with him for a term of thirty years made it very real to us, and we shall enter into the—possible—realization in our day, for we yield the palm to no one for a stronger love for their calling than during our forty-four years of practice.

G. ALDEN MILLS.

New York, 33 East Sixty-second, November 28th, 1897.

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### "GIVE THE DEVIL HIS DUE."

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*To the Editor of DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL:*

SIR,—I think you would find it would make you more friends if you would drop your constant attacks on dentists who do not see if respectable merchants use sensational ways of attracting attention in the papers, why dentists may not do it too. For my part, I uphold your policy of exposing open quackery and the lies published in the advertisements of most of the sensational advertisers, but that is not the point. I ask you in all fairness, why is it more objectionable for a dentist to use a golden tooth over his door, than a physician to use a golden pestle and mortar? Why is it wrong for a dentist to use a show-case at his door, and right for a clergyman to use the sensational tricks that have become the fashionable means of attracting the people to the church? A man may be a pillar of his church, but he may act as a merchant in business or trade in a way he must not act were he a dentist. Look at our daily papers, filled with lies, and deceptive baits and bargains offered openly by our leading merchants. Run your eyes down the Saturday "Church Notices," and see the catchy sensational headings of the sermons, to be preached next Lord's Day.