

compare notes freely. It is doubtless a settled fact, that there is no other source from which so much valuable knowledge can be obtained, and so quickly and cheaply as in these sessions. We meet on common ground as equals, and aim to tell each other what we know on particular points of practice. It has always been a mystery to me why so many absent themselves, especially the younger men, or that so little interest is manifested. We owe it to ourselves especially, to zealously support and sustain these societies for our own future good. We owe it to ourselves to improve and perfect every department of dentistry. If we see a difficult or beautiful operation, let us make the effort to equal or surpass it. If we meet, as we do every day, disease or deformity about the dental organism, it is our duty to ourselves to be able to diagnose and cure it. We owe it to ourselves to make every laudable effort to learn whatever there is unknown to us pertaining to dentistry. As a general rule men are successful in dentistry, as in other professions or business, in proportion to their qualification or knowledge of the principles of their calling, and their ability to execute well and promptly.

In fully discharging ones duty to himself, one cannot be unmindful of his brethren. As his mind and heart gets filled, his feelings warm towards his fellows, with a growing desire to unbosom himself. This feeling is found in the largest degree among the most educated men of all professions; and the contrary among the less educated and inferior classes. It is a good omen for the future that this desire for intercommunication is so greatly on the increase. We claim to be of a liberal profession, and, as such, should be liberally minded towards each other. Then as we leave this hall, let the fire so kindled, burn in our hearts while we extend a hand to every dentist in our neighbourhood, with inducements for them to come into the fold of this Society. We shall thus, not only do them good but ourselves also, by more effectually breaking down the walls of unhalloved rivalry, and bringing each other into more intimate companionship. The more intimately we know each other, the more we find it in our hearts to do each other good.

Our Society is established on the broad platform that "all regular practicing dentists at the time of the passage of the law of April 7th, 1868," may become members, under such restrictions as the members may see fit to impose by its By-Laws and Code of Ethics. All who avail themselves of this privilege are thereby recognized as dentists, and are entitled to its benefits and honors. All may not