

age, we are or should be governed by the same fundamental principles of medicine and surgery as the general practitioner; and that the exclusively practical man, who wilfully ignores or who is content to remain ignorant of these principles, can no more claim rank as a scientific dentist, than the manufacturer of orthopedic appliances can claim rank as a surgeon. Every province of our Dominion is infested with the "local anæsthetic" fiend, whose office is converted into a dental abattoir. Every city and many a town has its professional charlatan, and it is only by the influence which will emanate from our educated and ethical members that the public will learn to detect deception, even if true "science be dragged at the heels of sensation."

Referring to the College Dr. Beers said: When by the unanimous vote and voice of the dentists of this province, at the largest meeting ever held, the desire was repeated for the third time in their history, and finally put into a resolution to seek for affiliation with one French and one English University—Laval and McGill—it was done in no selfish or offensive spirit. It was simply a matter of business; a conviction that concentration was desirable in the interests of the students; that it was not as desirable to enter into the wholesale and retail manufacture of Doctors of Dental Surgery, as a collateral boost to impecunious institutions, as it was desirable to place our profession under the ægis of eminent universities, whose degree would be respected wherever it was displayed, and of which the sneer could never be made, as was said of a foreign college, that it "hoped to get rid of its debt—by Degrees." The question of affiliation was not one of precipitate haste. It is not generally the custom among the universities of our Empire to advertise inducements for affiliation, much less to affiliate a college which exists only on paper. We could not decently ask consideration for such a matter, until by at least one scholastic year's work we had given a *raison d'être* for our existence. The Montreal Veterinary College was nearly twenty-five years old before it was created a Faculty of McGill. The dentists of the province have for over twenty-five years elected that their interests and the interests of dental education should be governed and guided by the Dental Board. The public must have educated dentists, as well as physicians, but the dentists must be governed by dentists and physicians by physicians. The highest medical authorities in the world would not presume to dictate the purely practical demands of dentistry. It would be as foolish as futile, to fritter our small force through several disconnected and discordant channels, when concentration of effort, under the most experienced dental practitioners, and under the most eminent universities, is within our grasp.

Just a word to the students. It was Goethe who said, that if a man does one good thing in the world, society forms a league to