

to be a help and ornament thereunto." This is performed in some degree by the honest and liberal practice of a profession, when men shall carry a respect not to descend into any course that is corrupt and unworthy thereof, and preserve themselves free from the abuses wherewith the same profession is noted to be infected; but much more is this performed if a man be able to visit and strengthen the roots and foundations of the science itself, thereby not only gracing it in reputation and dignity, but also amplifying it in perfection and substance."

I trust that everyone present will feel disposed to utter a hearty amen to the sentiments of Lord Bacon. If so, and we proceed to model our lives upon such principles, and give our profession the best we have according to the light vouchsafed to us, then, humble though our part may be, when the time shall arrive for us to lay aside the cares and responsibilities of active practice, we will be enabled to do so without any misgivings and feelings of self-condemnation on our part, but rather with the assurance that the age in which we have lived, the community, and our profession are all some little the better for our having lived and toiled therein.

TUMORS RESULTING FROM SEPTIC PULP OF TEETH.

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The object of this paper is to illustrate several of the most prevalent tumors of the jaw, evolved by septic material discharged from the decomposing pulp of the teeth.

It is the intention to speak of them from a practical standpoint, and the desire is to inform those interested how to treat and prevent their recurrence.

Experience leads me to believe that the origin of fully ninety per cent. of all tumors of the jaw, face and neck can be traced to diseases of the teeth, and in many cases to the septic pulp. The most common of these tumors is the alveolar abscess, the contents varying from mere gas to thick pus. The treatment has been described so often that I shall not here repeat it, further than to say—remove the cause, and prevent recurrence. This can be done by cleansing the pulp canal, filling it perfectly, dissecting away the sac, roughening the surface of the bone sufficient, and promoting healthy granulation to fill the cavity. Another treatment is by extracting the tooth; this course, which is so often considered