

All, then, that the General Medical Council desire to effect is to establish an equal stringency for all, whatever their nationality, who desire to practise here. It is to be a fair field and no favor, and they do not intend that there shall be a jealously guarded portal for our own students, and one at which no inquiries are made for all the rest of the world.

There remains one lesson to be learnt from the debate of the Council, and it is this, that the time has come when the Council would gain immeasurably in saving of time and trouble if a dental practitioner of standing were present to assist at its deliberation. Dental business must of necessity occupy much of the attention of the Council for many years to come. Our profession is very young ; it is still going through struggles that are ancient history to medicine and surgery ; points of great technical difficulty must constantly be arising, and while we need have no fear in freely committing our interests to the Council as at present constituted, the clear sense and long experience of the President and the desire on the part of each and every member to be just and fair being self-evident on the face of things, at the same time we cannot but feel that valuable time and money might be saved if a dentist were elected to the Council. There are plenty of practitioners of our speciality who are in every respect eligible, and whose presence on any body could not but add to its efficiency and enhance its dignity, and while the Council would be saved time and money by expert advice, the dental profession would feel more than ever that its interests were specially cared for. We have reason to believe that such an election would be regarded with favor by the Council itself, as well as by the dental profession at large.

So with careful steps, only so far slow as due caution demands, the General Medical Council are constantly building up safeguards for the dignity of the profession and the welfare of the public, in some sense committed to their charge. It is in this way alone that good and lasting legislation is brought about. Too hasty progress means too often long and laborious retreat, and final failure. The refusal of the Council to be vindictive is as conspicuous as its freedom from sentimental and mischievous leniency. In this matter there can be no question of reciprocity. A fair, just and impartial consideration of the claims of all candidates for