

simple process of extraction and filling in unpretentious environment, and have had a peep now and then into the sanctum,—a rather unkempt place, to be sure, and may have said, well, this does seem easy work, and it is apparently honorable and profitable withal. We, too, will be dentists. And you have come, and are possibly somewhat dismayed as you try to take in what an hour in the Institution reveals. And you ask, Why all this paraphernalia, this elaborate provision for such a simple result?

Gentlemen, it is all right, and in strict accord with the spirit of these latter days, and in keeping with that of the great University with which your school is affiliated, and which is destined by and by to be your Alma Mater. She has made great and successful efforts to keep in the van in the march of progress, as her magnificent science buildings and other halls of learning attest, so as to provide that thorough teaching and broad culture now regarded as essential to the highest success in life.

Your College and Faculty biding their time, and yet attent, have wisely caught the afflatus from the academic groves hard by; and if my own profession had not its own imposing and substantial chambers, the speaker would indeed feel chagrined as he looked about him; and if the medical department of the University could not point to the fine laboratories and other halls at her command, he would feel sorely abashed in view of your splendid equipment.

A glance at the curriculum of your school, and at the list and scope of subjects, the mastery of which is requisite for the University "D.D.S.," clearly shows that those who at last reach and get without that wicket-gate at the end of the course, to open which neither guile nor magic pass-word avails, but only the touch of a trained and competent hand,—have passed an ordeal that stamps them as worthy to join the honorable company already in the field.

Surely this must commend itself to your better judgment. Think you, would Alexander have prized his matchless Bucephalus if to tame the noble steed had not taxed to the full the vim and fibre of the conqueror of the world?

And the mere fact that those who have at heart the best interests of the profession of your choice, and also your own, have seen to it that the goal can only be reached by up-hill work and plenty of it, should, of course, enhance your estimate of the dignity and worth of your calling.

Those are most regarded who respect themselves, and I believe this crowning effort of your profession will go far to put an end to that false idea of your real status which in sundry places finds vent in unseemly ways. He reads wrongly the signs of the times, who does not see that the day long ago foretold in another realm, the spiritual, has also come in due time in the secular; and that