

when we have dismissed the interrogating patient, for now we have the distrustful one, who does not believe in the preservation of teeth because some friend or acquaintance has had teeth filled which have been a failure. The dictating patient now appears on the scene. This patient knows more than the dentist, and would have all operations performed under his or her direction. Now, how to treat such patients successfully and retain your professional dignity is often a difficult matter to solve. It is under such circumstances that we must let "patience have her perfect work." To become irritable and fly off on a tangent will result in certain failure.

If the dentist be a gentleman possessing the right professional material he will not be deterred from giving the right advice under all circumstances in an honest and candid way, leaving the patients at full liberty to decide for themselves. "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap."

A cheerful, gentle, sympathetic manner cannot be over-estimated when meeting our patients in the reception room, whether our liver be performing its functions or not. Whatever the annoyance or nervous strain in the operating-room or laboratory may have been, put on the most cheerful and happy appearance possible, remembering that by attention to these apparently minor details you will gain the confidence and rise in the estimation of your patients, and good results must follow. We must not forget either that an important factor in our success is a strict observance of the professional duties we owe to each other. The Golden Rule, "Do unto others," etc., would be an excellent motto to decorate the wall of every dental reception room, and let us hope the day is dawning with the advance of education and the impressions made in our dental schools by professors when this rule will be put into practice by every dentist in our fair Dominion, thus linking us together as one grand brotherhood striving for the elevation of our profession to the position which it is destined to occupy, second to no other in the land. Yes, let us exercise that broad charity to our brothers in the profession which will enable us to speak only of the good qualities of one another, being careful to say nothing ill. It is an evidence of a small mind in a man who will try to climb to prominence over the faults or misfortunes of others.

And now, before closing this paper, there is another part of this subject that I am not willing to overlook. There are public duties that we cannot afford to ignore. Our obligations to society must ever be kept in mind, remembering that society has its own way of getting back at the man who is so much absorbed in his own work, that he has apparently no time outside of his office for sociability, or for lending his influence in the right direction touching public questions, moral and financial.