

required by the prospectus of the college if strictly adhered to, who could not pass the examination of a State Board because of a lack of education: I say when colleges which stand among the best admit such, it comes very near selling its diplomas to any one who has the money to pay for them. Not only are such allowed to matriculate, but to open an office in their room and practise at dentistry, and that, too, during their first year. It must be it is not to the fitness of their matriculates they are looking, but to the money they will get for their diplomas. I think there is trouble with the colleges; if they were more diligent in the performance of the duties they owe the profession there would be fewer of their graduates that become a disgrace to an honorable profession and to honest men in it. Our ranks are becoming filled with more and worse scum every year owing to the slackness and greed of gain shown by many dental colleges. Young men of disgraceful habits are being turned into the profession to prey upon society and bring disrepute upon us, but we quote extracts from a paper recently read by Dr. Wilson, of Iowa. He says in part, "Never before has quackery developed itself in high places so boldly as at the present day. I mean by this that fairly well educated men, dental college graduates who are devoid of principle, are swindling the public, degrading the profession and endangering human life as never before. . . . It is true that the door of admission to practice has been closed against an ignorant class of men who were unable to pass the examination of the State Boards, yet a more shameless class of graduates from our colleges is growing larger day by day. . . . The remedy for this growing evil lies almost entirely with the colleges, and I would suggest that they be much more careful in receiving students, for they should know what kind of material they are to work upon before allowing a young man to matriculate. The question should not be how large a class can be secured, but what is the character of the students that are being admitted. A man with a dental diploma who does not possess a good common school education is a dangerous person to be admitted to practise. Such a dentist will rarely take any interest in our dental societies, except it be for purely selfish purposes. Dental literature, so abundantly supplied through our journals, will not be relished by him because he cannot comprehend its meaning. . . . Our dental colleges are the portals to our profession, through which no unworthy applicant should be allowed to pass." To my mind this goes to show that we cannot look to the dental colleges to remedy these evils, for it is too evident they care more for the large classes and the accompanying fees than for the character of those admitted, as just quoted from Dr. Wilson's paper. We must rely on our State laws and our State Board of Examiners to do the work left undone by the colleges. To the State Boards