

letter and spirit of the code of ethics. No code will prevent a mean man from breaking faith with his fellows—but such a man is at once weighed by the provisions of the Golden Rule, as expressed in the code, and the inscription “weighed—wanting” is written over against him.

There are persons of whom none may entertain feelings of jealousy, but rather pity. I beg to congratulate you on the general observance of the law and code. The observance is so general that those who do offend are unpleasantly conspicuous. I desire to refer briefly to a few questions that will need your serious consideration at this time.

Considerable interest is abroad as to what the real position of the dental surgeon is toward oral surgery and systemic treatment of diseases of the mouth and teeth. The desirability of a medical degree as a preparation for the practice of dentistry is receiving favor from many quarters, and an increasing number of dental students are taking both courses. I believe this is the ultimate destiny for the dental profession. If we expect to be recognized to any large degree as a *specialty in medicine and have the undisputed right to treat dental and oral disease constitutionally, as well as locally, we must stand on the same plane with the aurist, oculist and other specialists.* I am convinced that the position taken on the subject last year in my paper read before the Maritime Dental Convention at Digby is correct.

I believe the time has arrived when our students of dentistry should be encouraged, and urged, to take the medical as well as the dental degree. To this end, and as a first step, I beg to suggest that as soon as possible, as soon as it can be done without oppression to students already preparing for dental matriculation, that the dental matriculation be made identical with that required by the Medical Board. This, of course, can be done without Act of Parliament, but due notice should be given of contemplated changes.

Your attention is called to the necessity of a careful revision of the list of accepted dental schools, and possibly the advisability of requiring an examination from all who desire registration as practicing dentists.

A number of dental colleges are of very injurious character, and seem to be catering to the commercial side of their work without due regard for the qualification of their students.

This state of affairs demands that this association shall well guard the entrance to professional privileges in Nova Scotia.

We welcome all properly qualified men; but the shyster who tries to crawl through loopholes and “climb up some other way” except by the door, must be stopped.

There seems to be but one way to accomplish this, viz.: to