

It is dental advisers we wish to see emanating from our colleges and joining our ranks, rather than mere operators; a life of mere mechanical routine, both unsought and undesired, must in the latter case inevitably follow.

In a commencement address before the Dental and Medical Schools of Harvard, Edward Smith Hale claimed that every diploma granted in a liberal profession contained these pledges which those who received them bound themselves to maintain by accepting: A pledge to learn for all; a pledge to practise for all, and a pledge to teach freely for all. It was certainly a lofty ideal, and one which would probably benefit both us individually and the profession at large to-day, more frequently to reflect thereon and be governed thereby. To furnish gratuitously the results of long hours of study and research for the good of the cause, when the indications are that reciprocal benefits are extremely doubtful, is indeed to exhibit an unselfish devotion to the cause of advancement simply for advancement's sake. And yet were it not for such untiring and unrequited zeal in the past, progress real and true could never have been accomplished.

WE HONOR AND REVERE SUCH TEACHERS,

in fact we are under a solemn obligation, by expression of appreciation, if by no other means, to honor such efforts. That, coupled with the reward of a satisfied conscience (neither of which will contribute very materially toward procuring the necessities of a morbid humanity) forms in most instances the reward of the truly faithful.

To indicate an ideal line of professionalism and to theorize thereon are easy matters, but in the daily struggle for existence one oftentimes loses sight of the ideal and descends to the more sordid plane of ordinary business methods and struggles. 'Tis the fate of humanity to err, and to err through lack of regard for a man's contemporaries and his profession is through a lack of judgment.

The peculiar nature of work pertaining to our calling, containing as it does so much of the mechanical and therefore bordering very near to the standard of mercantile life, makes it the more difficult to entirely eliminate from our midst what might be termed business ideas and business principles. Just to what extent we will be successful in

SURROUNDING OURSELVES BY A WALL OF PROFESSIONALISM will be entirely controlled by our own action and utterances.

Lord Bacon says: "I hold every man a debtor to his profession; from the which as men do seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends