

for investigation and study, have been so varied and widespread, and when the ambition and aim of all seemed to be to study, investigate and disseminate knowledge, as it relates to the Profession.

When in any previous time, has it been known that the Medical Profession was seriously considering "the care of the teeth from a medical standpoint," or when a man so high in the estimation of his profession as Dr. Shrady, the accomplished editor of the *Medical Record*, has said: "That the sooner our Medical Colleges insist upon a knowledge, in their students, of oral surgery, before graduation, the better for all concerned;" when "reflex nervous dental irritations" form the leading discussions of State and National Societies; when Laryngologists begin the study of their specialty at the entrance to the oral cavity, insisting that many of the diseases of the upper air-passages are directly traceable to dental irritations; when the founding of Dental Hospitals and Dental Infirmaries are seriously considered—and indeed are already in the process of formation; and when members of the Profession, from different and distant localities, can come together, as on this occasion, in a mutual interchange of ideas and expressions of good-will towards one another? There is one feature with reference to our Colleges of which I desire to speak briefly, and which I think I can do with propriety, as I know that you, of Ontario, hail with as much pleasure any measure looking toward higher Dental education, as we of the States.

At a meeting of the "National Association of Dental Examiners," held at Saratoga on the 6th of last August, twenty out of twenty-five colleges recognized by that Association being present, a resolution extending the course necessary for graduation, to three years of not less than five months in each year, came up for consideration and received the affirmative vote of nineteen of the institutions present; this vote was afterwards made unanimous, as, in accordance with the rules governing the Association, it became equally binding upon the five not represented, so that to-day all the reputable Dental Colleges of the United States require, on and after the present year, three full courses of not less than five months each, for the graduation of their students; the only exception to this rule is, the degree of M.D. being accepted as equivalent to two years in the Dental School.

The special feature of this whole movement, and one I desire to emphasize, is the fact that it was led by the younger colleges, just as