

Republic has been so in harmony with our people as to entwine the flags of each nation, and as they float to the breeze we hear, to the music of their National Anthem, the words, "God Save the Queen." To this noble valley of the St. Croix we welcome you, trusting that during your short sojourn with us you may be so favorably impressed that again in the near future you will be pleased to convene by the river which here forms the boundary line between the two great English-speaking nations, whose people, like the waters of the river, coming from different sources, move quietly onward in peace and harmony as one mighty nation.

Dentistry is an important department of medical science, and an outgrowth of our modern civilization. Its present perfection is in considerable degree due to the thought and labor of American minds. The history of modern dentistry is covered by a period of less than two generations, and yet it has advanced from the rude operations practised by blacksmith and barber to one of the most scientific and exact of the specialties of the healing art. Scientific dentistry had its birth in the United States of America. The proud distinction of *having organized the first school for the teaching of dental science, and the establishment of the first periodical journal devoted to the interests of dentistry, belongs to this side of the Atlantic, while many of the most useful appliances and scientific methods originated in America.*

In our efforts to save the teeth or replace them when lost we must remember that we are dealing with a portion of God's handiwork. So while we study the various arts and methods whereby we still the throbbing nerves, protect and cover them with suitable materials, while we seek the most effective process for arresting dental decay, let us have reverence for our work, and learn how sublime that work must be which shall restore to health and usefulness one of the Creator's greatest gifts to man. Consider what belongs to the saving of an organ. It is in proportion as honorable as the sacred duty of saving life itself. If there be any great merit in the creation of any part of the body by the first artificer, then he who interferes to prevent its destruction must also share in the glory. Physicians and surgeons are co-laborers with God in the human frame. He, conceiving and creating; they, preserving against untimely ruin and repairing the broken places, preventing and alleviating pain. The dentist then, attending to the mouth and teeth, stands in the front ranks of these co-laborers, reversing by a proper attention to his art all the gloomy horrors of dyspepsia which bring the mind again and again to the question, "Is life worth living?" and bringing in their place joy and happiness, restoring hope, bringing back character, regaining beauty, and showing life to be full of desire and worth. It is given us then to work with the human face divine, bringing out latent