

those of the dental student. Anatomy, the first book placed in the hands of the medical, is also the first presented to the dental student, and is "the substratum of all medical knowledge." If medical science depends upon a thorough understanding of anatomy (this will also apply to dental science), is it possible for any one to be a thorough medical man who is not a classical scholar, since we must admit that the anatomist must be a classical scholar. This is true of any other study connected with the profession of medicine, and as the dental profession is so closely connected with it, the dental student using the same text books, and undergoing to a great extent the same training; it follows, that what applies to the one will apply to the other also.

It is a general conceived notion, that the profession adds dignity to the man. This is a false idea; it is the man who dignifies the profession. Can you show me anywhere, one illiterate man of whom it may be said, he dignifies his profession? It is impossible. If this is true, gentlemen, is our profession to be an exception to the rule? The educated mind dignifies the man, and, if the profession of dentistry is to be exalted in the eyes of an intelligent world, it must be done through its membership, and that membership must be composed of men possessing cultivated minds. Intelligent people always desire to associate in their business transactions with intelligent men, and never fail to honor the calling for the sake of the man.

It has not been my intention in these remarks to cast a shadow upon the mind of any humble worker in the right direction, whose literary attainments are of a limited character. Be it remembered that the majority of us are of such, and let it urge you onward, when you recognize the fact that an incarnate God made choice of the humblest of Judea's sons as instruments to establish that religion which claims the great men of the world for its advocates. I have intended these pages to apply more particularly to the coming dentist than the existing one; but should they stir up to action the slumbering energies of any member of this society, my object will be more than accomplished.

To my young brethren possessing limited education I would say that two hours daily devoted to your books, even without a teacher, will, in a few years give you that position in your profession and in society, of which you would be proud, and prove to you, that an appreciating world does and will honor the educated men. The world's history points me to men who have climbed