

ations we are more or less conversant ; it is not necessary that we watch every cut of excavator, revolution of bur or tap of plugger. The operator, by using the blackboard and crayon, can show what he is doing and can do better work than if encompassed by a crowd. It is but a few can get near enough to hear, much less see, if all are crowding up, and soon those on the outside, getting tired, pronounce the clinic a failure and the clinician is not shown the attention and respect he is entitled to. I think an hour devoted to an "experience meeting," where all are at liberty to ask questions and all bring some little items of interest, would be of great value and the cause of much good.

There can be no fault found with the present committee, for I know they have labored long and hard for their programme, but may there not be something here worthy the attention of committees to come? The advances and improvements in our profession are many and varied, and it behooves us to keep eyes and ears open to catch and hold whatever is valuable. Our meetings are for that purpose, as we have but one a year, and only a few short hours at that. We must make them as interesting and profitable as possible. Two or three things more might be alluded to with benefit, I think. One is having a register in the keeping of the secretary, wherein all visitors, as well as members in attendance at our meetings, shall register their names and addresses ; it would make a very desirable souvenir if of no other value. Another is the forming of district dental clubs in different parts of the State, to meet at least once a year for an afternoon and evening. I think such a scheme might be instigated and result in a more friendly feeling among neighboring dentists, as well as in much good to each one who attends. I also think it would be a means of educating the public. If they saw the dentists were interested enough in their business to meet often to exchange ideas, they would be lead to believe there was really more in dentistry than they thought. I know attending our meetings has been a benefit to me ; not only that I have learned many things, taken you by the hand, exchanged ideas, but my patients think more of me for these outward signs that I am keeping up with the times.

We read much in regard to dental education. I think there is need of it, especially education of the dental colleges. One is led to think by what some writers have to say that the colleges are all above reproach ; but as they will admit within their walls those who are lacking education, as well as those devoid of good principles and character, it looks as if there was need of reform somewhere. It appears that some of the colleges are not much better than those nefarious concerns which sell their diplomas outright. When those who do not possess a common district school education, who could not possibly pass the preliminary examination as