

lution, there must be a common interest, and that interest must be perpetual. We shall find this interest in our mutual improvement, if we do not withhold our individual contributions to the common stock. Now, there may be individuals who could get along very well without the aid of such associations; but I should do no injustice to such if I should say that no one man knows everything, and he must be a very dull scholar who cannot learn some valuable lesson from an inferior mind. It is the great aggregate of little things that constitutes the great mass, and if every member of this Association will contribute his mite, it will be found that each of us will carry home with him more than he brought. A single suggestion, a simple hint, is often of the greatest value, especially when we are pursuing a course of investigation or experiment, and have come to a standstill for want of a simple hint which some brother may supply.

Now, there are some things which we can never learn until we reach a given point in our mental operations. We must have the susceptibility even to make a hint available, and coming together as we will, each from his office or laboratory, with some special line of thought ever before us, it is but fair to presume that, while each of us may add to the common stock, all of us may be enriched as individuals. The mind is always quick when upon those subjects that most deeply engage our attention. How, then, is it possible, when so many are working in the same field, that we can spend a few days together, earnestly canvassing the same subjects, without deriving a marked advantage? He who never gets out of himself knows not what it is to live. We best serve ourselves when we are serving others well. Our object should be to make the most of ourselves by enlarging the scope of our own lives; and thus it will always be that, while we are nobly and honorably working for the public good, by a reflex influence, as certain as the law of gravitation, we are lifted up into a noble sphere of individual existence. This thought should ever save us from mean and petty jealousies. If a worthy brother can outstrip us in the race for personal eminence and distinction, let us not try to pull him down to our own level, but bid him "God-speed," and push on fast after him, till you meet him in the broad road to fame.

Dental science is kindred to medical science, and medical science