

counter to the feelings of any, he is confident that the good sense of men who are members of what is, or ought to be, an intelligent and honorable profession, will lead them to give him credit for pursuing an independent, straight-forward course. To err is human, and if the writer should in any case make a mistake, it will be an error of judgement, and not of the heart. He feels that to discharge properly the functions of a journalist, in the interest of an important profession, that he has a serious task before him, and is determined to discharge it faithfully. Dentistry is only emerging from a state of chaos and irregularity, and feeling that he is in some respects a guardian of its interests, the writer will endeavour to deal with it tenderly and judiciously, and do his best to elevate it to the status of a useful and honorable profession. To this end he will not only aim at bringing it up to a higher standard, of scientific and practical attainment; but will endeavour to create a better professional sentiment—something which is very much needed, and a sense of the necessity of a higher standard of general intelligence and education. In a word, he will endeavour to inculcate the necessity of every practitioner being a gentleman, without which the profession cannot have that status which it is entitled to. Believing, as we do, that no Dental practitioner can properly perform his functions, who has barely a mechanical knowledge of his specialty, he will endeavour to show to students and practitioners the necessity of obtaining a respectable knowledge of the collateral sciences. It is necessary that the knowledge of the competent Oculist should extend beyond an acquaintance with the structure and functions of the eye, so we deem it as necessary, that the knowledge of the competent Dentist should extend beyond the teeth. In view of this, he will encourage, and insist on the necessity of all Dental students and practitioners acquiring a fair amount in general Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, Therapeutics, Chemistry and Metallurgy. The writer will consider it not only a duty, but a pleasure to give any information in his power to students, or the younger members of the profession who may desire to communicate with him on matters pertaining to Dentistry, and will gladly answer any correspondents, whether privately or through the columns of the journal. To our sister profession, the medical, which has shown so much sympathy, and given so much practical assistance in bringing our profession to its present promising position, represented through professors Berryman, Richardson, and Canniff, Drs. Boulter, Baxter, McGill,