

sistent labor and effort than now. Especially is this true of our own profession, for it is highly essential that a D.D.S., be well versed in medical science, he must be a skilful surgeon, something of a metallurgist, should have a practical understanding of chemistry, must excel as a mechanic of quick inventive faculties, besides possessing some knowledge of a great variety of high-sounding -ists, -isms, and -ologies.

The old-time "all-'round" physician, who very complacently and sedately treated both man and beast for all the various ills "that flesh is heir to," now exists only as a sort of "survival" in certain rural districts. He was a marvellous character, however, a conspicuous and striking figure in the mellow vista of the past, whose advice was sought in a great variety of matters, and whose rude and rusty turnkey was as great a source of awe and terror as was his primitive, portable drug store. His place is filled to-day by a number of "*specialists*," who have learned that life is none too long for the most brilliant intellects to properly study one particular portion of the human organism. Thus it is, also, with the *legal* profession, whose members once endeavored to grasp the entire realm of jurisprudence, but who now largely confine themselves to one particular branch of practice. In fact, nearly *all* professions and trades are rapidly becoming divided into specialties.

The constantly increasing activities of our time have continually tended to force men into special paths; therefore, success now largely depends thereon. The changes so rapidly effected in college management, in schemes of study, and student life, in the methods of inculcation and application of ideas, have registered a corresponding change in the thought and life of the entire country. Enormous increase of wealth, specialization of occupation, expansion of experience, multiplication of resources, comfortable environments and luxurious habits, have notably characterized the history of the past few decades.

Our profession has shared in all these tendencies; meanwhile, its progress has been phenomenal. The advanced position which we occupy *to-day*, however, was not effected by any one person, not set of persons. It is the accumulation of innumerable choice morsels from an army of earnest workers; therefore, we must not falter, but let us inscribe on our banner progression as our watchword, and with the battle-cry of truth and honor march steadfastly on.

It has been said, "No profession offers better opportunities for spreading the *truth* than dentistry." Let us never lose sight of this fact. It matters little which title we have earned at our various colleges, whether it be D.D.S., L.D.S., or D.M.D.; we all sail under the same flag, and are known by all as "doctors"—which, as derived from the Latin, signifies teachers, instructors.