

it certainly must, a larger example. While we have not—from the initial step of forming the Odontological Society—been in sympathy with the formation of the Society at the time—with the real purpose it had in view—yet we have come to see that this Society has had put into its hands possibilities that augured for much good, not only for the general membership, but such that could and would have reflected a higher standard for aspiring dentists, that were sure to be among the coming generation of practitioners. To any one coming among the associations of this body and its quarters, they could not but be favorably impressed with the beginnings that so markedly indicate an enterprise that was well worthy of emphatic energy looking to the increase. To what do we refer, it will be asked? It is to the cabinets filled with a quality of material that would richly grace any of the museums of our country. No scientific body can boast of anything finer. It is up to date as a scientific standard. We have definitely noticed the animated attention that these cabinets have secured from strangers; to many it has been a decided surprise and it has given an *eclat* to the Society quite little thought of by the mass of practitioners. While, as we have said, we have not been personally engaged in the participation of this creditable work, yet we have always, when visiting the Society meetings, felt a professional pride that this Society was marked by such *good* beginnings. Now, in the midst of all this good prospect, that there should come such a destructive blow to the Society's prosperity; it is lamentable that those who have taken so good a share in the helpfulness in providing this attraction, embodying so much of educational advantage, should have so ruthlessly broken ranks and torn themselves from the enjoyments and emoluments that they so much aided in securing, and more, they have lessened the high standard that is naturally looked for in bodies that assume *high* aspirations. We say that it is a *destructive blow*, not only to the Society, *but* we predict that it will prove to be far more reaching in its dire effects to those that have forsaken the *larger* prospect for what must be the *lesser*. From all we know, we assert that we are acquainted with the prime facts that led to the resignation of nineteen members of the Society. We chanced to be present when it was plainly manifested that the major grievance was emphasized. It was this: the Society had divided for good reasons that had become apparent, viz., that it was for the interests of the Society that their proceedings should go back to the larger channel of circulation which it had formerly used, which was the *Cosmos*. Previous to this effort for satisfaction, etc., there was a hope that these better counsels would prevail, and that there would be a *partial* return at least to the parent society. But the agent that was sent to demand satisfaction was, unfortunately, of a temperament not in the least qualified for concili-