

recognition is extended to us by the medical men of the day, and we are regarded as the younger offspring of that noble profession, and although existing in our infancy, we have a being, and are rapidly approaching vigorous manhood.

Since, then, we are advancing to manhood, professionally, I venture the assertion, that our profession will not be confined to the narrow link at present encircling it. There are those diseases of the face and mouth which should properly come under the treatment of the dentist; many of them calling forth the greatest surgical skill, and when the profession is universally stocked with men capable of treating such cases, then will the dentist be called upon universally to do so. In order that such men may constitute its membership, it is absolutely necessary, that none be admitted to our offices as students, who do not possess educational qualifications equal to that required by the medical board. It may appear to some, that this is carrying the matter to excess, to whom I reply, that, if you never intend any advancement in your calling, if you are content to grovel in ignorance, with an intelligent world giving you the cold shoulder on account of that ignorance, if mechanical dentistry, and that very unmechanically done, is your highest ambition, then, to you, the matter is carried to excess.

The educational qualification required for matriculation in our medical schools would be all the better were it still of a higher grade. The man, who at times, holds the lives of our dear ones in his keeping, should be master of every facility for a proper understanding of his profession, and that a high grade of education is one of those facilities is proved by the fact, that none but the highly educated ever excel or obtain merited fame in the practice of medicine. Why this is so, is simply from the fact, that educated men are generally profound thinkers, possessing a greater power of judgment than those less highly educated, as all the text books used in modern schools of medicine are the productions of educated minds, the educated student has less difficulty in understanding them thoroughly.

But the object of this paper is to show that the dental should be equally educated with the medical student. This is so: because the dental profession is a branch of medical science: because one of the specialties of the dentist, is the treatment of disease, calling for, at times, profound judgment: because another specialty is surgery, sometimes demanding the greatest surgical skill; because the text books of the medical, are also, to a great extent,