

could not pass a common school exam. Too many who can talk Greek and who do not know their mother tongue. Too many students of all sorts and conditions, three-fourths of whom would serve God and man better on farms.

Millions of acres of the finest lands in the finest country on the face of the earth, and hundreds of us fools enough to keep our noses to the treadle and strain of the unhealthiest of all the professions.

FOR reasons best known to themselves, there are worthy men who object to aggressive reform. Where they discover roguery or rottenness, they want to administer the reproof gentle. Theoretically, they are pioneers of the millennium. Practically, they are milk-and-water mischief-makers. In the politics of dentistry they are either on the fence or under it, apologetically pouring oil upon troubled waters as if they were addressing a school class of eunuchs. They think aggression is all wrong, that "evil will cure itself," that this journal should be blind to quackery, deaf to scandal, and in general devote itself to "suckling fools and chronicling small beer." They do not want to stab the devil in the back, and they will not tackle him to his face, so they display towards him a deferential idiocy. They are the milk-sops of dentistry.

WE are afraid there are officials who imagine that there are no limitations to their liberty to make laws and by-laws and use as they like the money accruing from the members who elected them. Every licentiate is entitled to know how every dollar is expended, and corruption begins when indifference in this matter is shown. Boards of Examiners are neither permanent nor infallible. They are merely the appointed trustees of the interests of the electors. Individually or collectively they can be impeached for wrongdoing. They have no right to make topsy-turvy of the instructions given them; they have no power to alter or amend one iota of the explicit lines of conduct desired by the licentiates, as expressed at the regular meetings. The books and correspondence and accounts are the property of the licentiates and are merely held for them by the Boards in trust during their term of office. If mischief or mistakes are made, the licentiates have only themselves to blame. Every possible light should be demanded, and no detail as to how money has been expended should be kept from the knowledge of the electors. Honest men never try to conceal details. There is reason for suspicion when efforts are made to bluff or to hide. There should be a clear understanding of the rights of licentiates, and the limitations of the Boards.