

paid out to fill a few of the teeth ; with the work on many not done, and no care taken of those that have received attention. The result is a complete breaking down of all, with a cry of dissatisfaction toward the dentist and all pertaining to him, and nearly every attempt made to educate the public is usually looked upon as simply another method of getting their money without a "quid pro quo."

How much of the dental literature of the day are we reading? Not how many of the journals do we subscribe to or receive sample copies of, but how much do we read. The field of dental literature is well and ably filled, and I advise taking as many of the journals as one can, and read them. This is adaptable to all, and particularly to the student and those who are just starting into practice. Keep up your reading, a little every day ; and one thing more, keep with this the habit of adding to your library at least one new book on the subject of dentistry each year, and make all you can of that book—read and study it. To me it matters not so much who publishes the magazines and books as it does as to what is in them ; neither does the highest subscription price or largest number of pages always mark that which is the best.

May I say a few words relative to our society meetings. If more were but willing to try and do what they can to help, we would have a flourishing society indeed. All have a talent in some direction ; those little ideas, that come to us while at work, helped us and will help others if we will but tell of them. Many times we have been at some knotty point when from but a word, perhaps dropped by some one, has come the idea that has helped us out of our trouble. By personal experience I know it is not always possible for the committee to get what they want for the programme ; it is difficult to get anything when all either pay no attention to requests or ask to be excused. Our dues are very small and it costs much to procure an outside talent, and it would not be right either, it is therefore evident that more of our own members should assist or our dues must be increased. I have thought our meetings would, perhaps, be of more benefit if there were a less number or variety of subjects presented, and more time devoted to each—if each session was devoted to one subject. Several papers from as many different writers being presented, would it not give more opportunity for discussion, thus treating the subject better and with more beneficial results, than if each of the four or five papers were all different ?

For the clinics, I like the ideas presented your president last year, and as has been carried out by others successfully, of keeping the meeting in session during the clinics, setting the chairs on raised platforms and using the blackboard. In nearly all oper-