

source shall I obtain all this information?' you will very likely say, 'that is your business as editor.' Not so, my dear sirs. Not only the editor, but also you have your part to perform in furnishing him with information and matter for publication in his journal; for if you want a journal to assist you and to be written in the interests of your profession, which are also your own, then you must do your part toward assisting and furnishing it with information, or whatever you may have which is interesting or beneficial to your colleagues. No matter how much labor the editor may expend, it is impossible for him to be thoroughly informed in everything, or to observe all that transpires, even with the help of good co-laborers, for many a thing will pass his or their notice which may be of inestimable value to the profession. Here it is where the duty of the reader comes in. He should draw the attention of the editor to anything he has seen or read about and give his opinions and experiences, so that others may have the benefit of them. Fortunately, we are past the era of mystery or secrecy, and if any advancement, improvement or an invention is made, it is not concealed by the originator for his private use, but is immediately made known. If it is a machine or instrument the manufacturer will be certain to make it public in order to be able to dispose of it, or should it be a new procedure or treatment, the person on whom it has been applied will speak about it, thus making it known. All improvements or advancements are sure to be made public in one way or another. Some readers may now say, 'in that case, I do not need to be the one to publish it, it has cost me my time and money—let others spend theirs.' If that is your opinion, I must say it is a very narrow one, for if everyone thought and acted on that principle then all would have to gather their own experiences, and little or no progress would be made in science or anything else; and if that costs money, everyone would have to expend a like amount, and a large sum would thus unnecessarily be squandered which could have been avoided had the originator published his experiences."

This article is very applicable to the present position of the Ontario Dental Society. Every dentist who attends Society meetings well knows that through the discussion of a subject or from opinions given by different practitioners, even in private conversation, or through the interchange of new ideas, more information can be gathered than can be obtained in a considerably longer time from text-books. At the Clinics one sees how a piece of work is done in which many a little manipulation, which is difficult to describe on paper, occurs, and is easily comprehended when seen. Certainly it is not to be disputed, that in seeing a piece of work done or an operation performed, it is impressed far more firmly upon the memory than if the same information were obtained from a text-book.