

as complete a knowledge of medicine. I would not be misunderstood in making this reference. I have no desire to see our grand profession usurped by any other, we have a special field of usefulness, but what I wish to see is a thorough medical course instituted in connection with dentistry, and the graduate in dentistry in consequence necessarily acquiring certain knowledge the professional dentist ought to possess.

There is, I am glad to say, an inherent quality in all men which hungers for knowledge; in some this desire becomes so great that the individual is prompted to search for it and glory in it, both for personal and general benefit; this spirit is what characterizes true professionalism. The man who is satisfied to complete his store of knowledge on graduation must be content to remain on the bottom rung of the ladder of his profession, and when his superiors in matters concerning his profession gradually leave him far behind his resort for recognition and it may be a livelihood must be of a nature degrading to his profession as well as his manhood.

I regret to say that a great number of our dentists are seemingly totally averse to acquiring more knowledge than they consider is necessary to "gull" the public, for I must admit this class of men cannot do otherwise than look upon their services wholly with reference to fees and with a total disregard of doing the best under the circumstances, and with such conditions governing their services the public must suffer and reflect upon dental worth.

It has been my aim to point out the positive necessity for professional dentistry as well as denounce deception. The dentist who does not make himself thoroughly conversant, as far as lies in his power, with all matters pertaining to dentistry, is a disgrace to his profession, and the public do not want his services, although they may be persuaded to accept them by various methods of deceit.

I am glad for our high class of dental literature, yet I regret so many who could give the profession valuable ideas are so reticent. The younger members look to the older ones for the essence of their experience. I do not believe it is denied them because of a selfish desire to keep it to themselves, but from a mistaken idea that they could not place their ideas on paper. I hope this timidity will be lost in the interests of humanity and the profession.

There is material and thought in the Canadian branch of the profession of dentistry to support a journal of dentistry equal to any in the world. I am persuaded that it is practise which enables us to place our thoughts in readable form, so none of us, I think, who are novices in this department would object to a reconstruction at the hands of older and more experienced writers, when the object to be attained is the enlightenment of the profession, and now while dwelling upon this most important feature of educa-