

He said that the United States had had some unwise Presidents, as England had had some foolish Kings, but that both countries had good reason to-day to feel, that their respective rulers were great and wise in time of peace, as well as in times of peril. He ventured the suggestion, that party spirit should not be carried critically into the idea the American people held of their President; that the toast he offered was meant to represent him, not as the successful candidate of a party, but the chief representative of the State, as the Queen is that of the Empire, and that in that light both Republicans and Democrats could consistently accept it.

He then asked the audience to depart from their custom of not rising to toasts, and to stand and sing one verse of the American hymn, "My country, 'tis of thee," and one verse of "God Save the Queen." The response was most hearty, and after the singing, the Canadians started three rousing cheers and a "tiger," in which everybody present lustily joined. It was said that it was the first time the blended toast was ever given in the United States, and it could not have been introduced at a more auspicious time.

Dr. Newell Fiske, of Montreal, in responding for "Our Guests," expressed the pleasure it gave the Canadians to visit their American brethren professionally, and the special gratification they felt at the good feeling which now existed between England and the United States. Such gatherings as the Dental Convention were a mine of practical knowledge, and well repaid the members for the few days' absence from their practice.

Dr. Robert Simpson, of Montreal, also spoke in high terms of the professional benefits of the meeting, where dentists met from several States and from Canada to compare notes. Patients as well as practitioners got the benefit, and he was very glad, too, that they had given a tip to the politicians in the interest of goodwill.

Dr. Henry Ievers, of Quebec, made a characteristically witty speech, showing how a good dinner lubricates business, and how at the social board the good feeling now existing between the two countries is cemented.

Dr. Cleveland, of Knowlton, made the happy remark that he had in his blood that of a former President of the United States, and though Grover Cleveland had not perhaps then acted just as he would to-day in his Venezuelan message, it was all forgotten now.

The toast of "The British Empire and the United States" was given to Dr. Beers, who replied as follows:

It has been my fate upon several occasions in the United States, from no suggestion of my own, to find myself entangled in the polemics of a Dental Convention in the morning, and the politics of States at night. I have to-night been asked to express the opinions of a Canadian upon the relations of the British Empire