

The overwhelming majority of medical students upon graduation seek admittance to some hospital or other, where they may supplement with a year or so's work the knowledge gained in the halls of his college. Many of the men spend several years in this post-graduate work before going into private practice. Who will say though, that he is not better prepared to take care of the health of his patients than the dentist fresh from his Alma Mater.

At the present time I believe our dental course should be curtailed in some regards. Metallurgy, for example, is a perfectly useless subject. Fifty years ago it was essential. To-day all the metallurgy necessary can be, and is, taught by the professor of prosthetic dentistry. The same applies to chemistry (organic). Fifty years ago it was necessary to know the methods of preparation and purification of nitrous oxide. To-day large manufacturing companies make our gas for us better than we ever did. Let us prune the course of unnecessary subjects and devote the time gained to essentials.

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