

Says Dr. Chas. J. Essig in *Cosmos*, "It cannot be denied, however, that *esprit de corps*, which is the 'chivalry' of professional life, is often forgotten, and the code of ethics which should be our guidance in all intercourse, both with patient and professional brother, is as often ignored as observed. Yet we should be far from attributing every violation of the strict interpretation of the code of ethics to a want of honor or to greed; much of it is, no doubt, due to absence of the scientific spirit which should guide the practitioner in the treatment of the dental organs.

"The dental profession cannot hope to gain or to hold the highest respect of the people while its individuals exhibit the ethics of the artisan."

Then there are the men who claim to be professional and yet never attend anything in the way of a convention of dentists, and who belong to no dental society.

Nearly akin to these men are the men who are so busy that they find no time to read the journals, or so penurious as not to subscribe for any. How can these men expect to keep up with the rapid pace set by the leaders in dentistry, and not mingle with their fellows? There may come a time when "there is nothing new under the sun" in dentistry, but the time is not yet.

Someone has said he pitied the dentist who never read the journals, but another put it better when he said he pitied the patients of the man who never reads the journals.

Imagine, if you can, a lawyer who did not read the law reports. The Law Society of Ontario perhaps built more wisely than we when they provided that an annual fee of seventeen dollars be charged each lawyer and the reports be sent to him, and if our Boards could by the same means put into the hands of each dentist a good dental journal it would be missionary work, indeed.

It is to be hoped the raising of the standards of matriculation will bring about a much needed change in these directions, for, other things being equal, surely the man with a liberal preliminary education will be more apt to be a man of breadth of mind and strength of character.

Have you ever wondered where we are drifting?

What will be the dentistry of the next century so near at hand? Will there come a time when our daily papers will not be used to proclaim to the public the "dental parlors," the "teeth with or without a plate," "best teeth five to eight dollars," "vitalized air free with sets until Christmas," or will the time come when we shall all succumb to the pressure and "go and do likewise"?

Has it ever struck you as strange that dentists do more for nothing than any other class of men? You do a little work in the way of filling for a patient and he forthwith suggests that you clean his teeth up a little, never for a moment considering it a