

indifference and entire lack of sympathy. I thought at the time the whole affair was a great calamity, but I now recognize it as a blessing in disguise, for I believe I never extract a tooth or perform any severe operation without remembering my experience just related.

There are many things I have not mentioned that have a very strong bearing upon the success of a practice, such as manipulative skill, thoroughness of work, artistic taste, etc. Of these I will not speak. What I have said has been especially intended for the younger members of the profession, yet the older members may be thereby stimulated to a stricter observance of some of the claims the public has upon them.

In the early part of this paper I divided the profession into two classes, one antagonizing the other. We all recognize the evil effects of the one class. What shall be done to remedy this evil? I would answer, let our dental school set the standard. Let professional ethics hold a most important place in the course, and I believe a student's dental society under the supervision of the instructors in the school would be a means of sowing seed in the minds of the young men that would yield a bountiful harvest, bringing them into the profession with high ideals, for I believe the reforms in the profession will grow mainly out of the education of the young.

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### Caries of Jaw from Impacted Wisdom Tooth.

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E. L—, aged about 27, was admitted to Kingston General Hospital June 12th, 1895. He had a large swelling at the angle of the lower jaw, left side. I was asked by the attending surgeon to see the case. We found a slight discharge from a small opening opposite the angle of the jaw. He could not open the mouth more than a quarter of an inch at the incisors. With a distender we forced the mouth open to about half an inch. We found teeth good, but wisdom tooth impacted. The history of the case as he gave it to us was, that about March 1st he felt gnawing pains in the region of the angle of the jaw. These became more intense, passing over the side of the head. About the middle of April the jaw swelled, and by May 1st was locked. Consulted a dentist, who diagnosed an impacted wisdom tooth, but said he could not extract it until the swelling disappeared. He visited a doctor, who recommended poulticing. This was done for a week, when the swelling "broke" and the muscles relaxed, allowing him