

It depends, therefore, gentlemen, where you rank our profession to be able to decide whether or not our men should be educated to a higher or lower degree. If we are to occupy that position to which some would consign, viz: if we are to be regarded simply as manufacturers of artificial teeth; if we confine ourselves only to this branch of our profession, and recognize it as dentistry; then we are on a level with the smith, and our education need be of no higher grade than his, but, if we rank ourselves with the members of the ancient, honorable and learned profession of medicine, who, I am happy to say are holding out the hand of recognition to us, then we must be equal to them in educational attainments.

The great object at the present day on the part of the legitimate members of our profession, is, to exalt it to that standard of respectability, which shall merit that recognition bestowed upon us by our brethren of the medical profession, and many noble men have devoted their energies, time and capital in order to rear it to its present position of respectability. Indeed, I may say that a new era has dawned upon us, and that the dental world is effectually laboring to accomplish the same end. In this little Canada of ours, whose institutions, though but an adopted son, I have learned to love, although of little importance, likely, we are not the least in the good work. "Our banners have been hung upon the outer wall," and quackery has received its death blow. No longer shall the fair fame of the dental profession be blasted by the evils forced upon a confiding public by a class of traveling usurpers, but the public will be forced to patronize those, whom, I hope, they will also learn to respect because of merit.

In directing the mind's eye through the vista of the past, and following up the path which our profession has trod, we see much to encourage us and not a little which may be regretted. Noble men we discover contending with the superstition and bigotry surrounding them, bearing aloft the insignia of their rights to respectability. The time is fresh in the memory of many of us, when the idea of professionalism being granted to dentists was considered a thing absurd, and more especially was this so on the part of the medical fraternity, when the dentists dare claim the right of recognition for his calling as a branch of the medical profession; but we will prove to the world the right of such recognition. Already we find, that, with but few exceptions, the hand of