

Hence the scientific man alone is really practical. Many enjoy rhetorical flourishes in speeches and writings, but an ounce of logic is worth a ton of rhetoric, and all really learned men despise mere verbiage, and stick to the realm of the practical.

Dental students must remember, then, that their education should begin with the study of the laws which govern all practice, that they may comprehend what is necessary to be done, and then proceed in the only really practical way, that which is in conformity with law. The principles which dominate practice once fairly mastered, the technical skill properly to perform operations is easily acquired, and must largely be obtained in daily practice after graduation at the schools.—*Dr. W. C. Barrett in Dental Practitioner and Advertiser.*

Editorial.

The Pan-American Medical Congress.

It seems to us rather unfortunate that this meeting is to be held in Washington coincidently with the World's Columbian Dental Congress in Chicago; but no doubt it is expected that a good many visitors to the latter will manage to attend the former. The American Medical Association last year decided upon the step, and the section on "Oral and Dental Surgery," of which Dr. M. H. Fletcher, of Cincinnati, is Executive President, has been provided for. Every effort is being made to equip its staff and to make the meetings interesting.

The New Year.

With many good wishes for a Happy New Year, let us do something special to make it a prosperous one for the JOURNAL. The reputation of Canadian dentistry ought to be dear to everyone in our ranks. We know there are a few who measure that entirely by their own narrow conceit, and the more ignorant they are, the more mischief they may do. But the large bulk of the profession are not so, and the JOURNAL belongs to them.

The change made by the publisher ought to ensure us plenty of assistance in the way of short, practical articles, dottings from daily practice, hints from the operative room, as well as from the laboratory.