

Speaking of special departments of work in our line, with Dr. A. H. Brockway, of Brooklyn (who got by my side at the elaborate dinner between the sessions of the meeting of the New York Institute of Stomatology), he said: "I have sometimes thought I might do much more good should I make a specialty of treating pulpless teeth. I seem to be so successful in this line, compared with so much that I hear adversely." Specialized fields of practice are *sure* to come. They are increasing. We know of a young practitioner lately from the Pacific Coast, who is gathering material for publication—an outcome of *demonstrated* practice—which is to be illustrated by photographic skill. It will show the *before* and its *after*, which can only tell its own story. Such methods of presenting practice will put all dissension aside. *What can you demonstrate?* is the demand.

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P.S. Dear Dr.—I forgot to make mention of the interest I have taken in Dr. Henry North's book lately published here on "Riggs' Disease—Pyorrhea, vs. Idiopathic Alveolitis." I found the book very faulty, and at first I felt disposed to criticise it fiercely, but a better thought prevailed, and I sought out his acquaintance to find out the spirit of the man, and in that I was happily disappointed, and it has resulted in a respectful friendship. He is revising the first volume, and he invited me to give him the chapter on the Riggs history, and position of the Riggs science, treatment, etc., and I have done it, and he gives me credit for it in the revision. He has a second volume nearly ready for publication. Let me say, if you have not read the first volume, or may have done so, you give decided attention to his chapters on "Idiopathic Alveolitis," as he terms it. In these the profession has something to learn that they have not. These chapters have proved a decided aid to the light that was partially clear to my mind before, and together with this I have formulated it into a successful practice, enough so that I feel quite clear that my conclusions are correct, which I trust you will see by my paper ere long. I was sixty-seven years old, June 30, and I truly feel that my usefulness was never so great as now, for what I can do for those that may seek my services, and they command fees far in excess to anything I have ever received. Just this week I have received the largest fee of my forty-six years' practice, and I have *never* received a fee so pleasantly associated with good feeling and *real appreciation*. It makes practice *blessed*.

Yours cordially,

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