

great many are never seen at them at all. This lack of interest sets a bad example to the younger dentists. I consider it the duty of every dentist to contribute in some way or another to the furtherance of our profession, not only in private practice amongst his circle of patients, but by coming to our meetings, taking part in the discussions, assisting in answering questions or asking them himself, or listening to the remarks of his colleagues in reference to the case under discussion. Furthermore, those who are capable should occasionally write an article for publication in a dental journal, so that it could be read and thought over by others at leisure.

Dr. C. N. Johnson wrote an article which was published in the DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL some time ago, entitled "The Status of the Profession in Ontario." Although I do not agree with him in every particular, yet there are some points in which he "hit the nail on the head," particularly when referring to the apathy shown by too many dentists in attending dental meetings.

To another point I wish to call the attention of the officers of our Society, that is, to see that the proceedings are published fully in the DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL, so that they can be read by subscribers who do not attend the meetings, thereby inducing them to become members, and assisting to swell our list of membership to what it should be.

These remarks are not made in a fault-finding spirit. They are merely hints as to how we may try to influence others to join our ranks, particularly some of the older practitioners, who, in course of time, have worked themselves into such a narrow groove that it is almost an impossibility to extricate them from the ruts into which they have fallen, and to prevent the younger generation from sinking into a similar condition, as some seem inclined to do.

The following is a translation of an article published in one of our German contemporaries. The remarks apply with equal force to the attendance of our dental meetings.

The article is headed, "What a Reader owes to a Journal devoted to his calling or profession." "My dear readers,—You will be surprised if I tell you of duties you owe to your special journal. Most subscribers think, that after they have paid their subscription fee, they have done their part and nothing more is required of them. We expect from a journal that it should give information or instruction in everything that is new or is invented or is discovered in our profession, and that it should support and defend its interests. An editor is expected to keep himself posted in everything that happens in his department and immediately draw the attention of his readers to it, to give advice when requested, and to answer any question that may be asked him. This, and a great deal more is demanded of him. And when he asks, 'from what