

There are, no doubt, many careful and conscientious dentists in the Province who are not members of either society, who would, I am sure, be benefited by identifying themselves with us, and the society too would be equally benefited by their presence, and by their discussions on the various subjects presented at our meetings.

There are various motives by which we are induced to attend conventions. Some come to read papers, to take part in, or intelligently listen to the discussions, with the view of being practically benefited by them. Some go to see the sights, to hear the big guns, if there are any on hand and heavily loaded, and to tell their patients when they return home that they have been attending a professional meeting. Some go merely to see the exhibits of the dealers, to see what new things they may have on exhibition, and then to put in what is generally designated "a big time."

The first of these are the life and energy of the associations, and we are hoping each year to see this number materially increase. Unfortunately there are some who never attend a convention for any purpose; they never read a journal, and are absolutely ignorant of improved and advanced methods. They know not the influence of professional fellowship or fraternal feeling, but seem content to settle down into a groove so deep that their condition could not be better described than one of narrow and dense ignorance of their best possibilities. Time in its onward march will do much to lessen this class. Recent graduates from our college, with the impulses of a high matriculation, an extended term of studentship, and an extra college term, where lectures and demonstrations are faithfully given by a Faculty that in point of ability stand the peers of the Faculty of any dental college on the Continent, will come into our societies, their minds in favor of professional progress, and they cannot to the same extent drop into these grooves of professional narrow-mindedness because of the bias given their minds by a more extended and scientific training. To them we may look for the main hope and strength of our societies.

It is a fact, however, that occasionally a graduate is apparently so constituted that he cannot wait to conscientiously gain the confidence of the public, but resorts to the tricks of the ignorant pretender. He might not care to be called a quack, but such he is, no matter what his college standing may have been, so long as he practises the deceptions of quacks. If these men could be brought under the influences of our societies, they might be restrained from gliding into this bombastic assertion of their special abilities, and the unparalleled advantages of their secret specifics, destroying thereby their self-respect, and only gaining in its place that credulous portion of the public who are found always standing around open-mouthed ready to be duped. Our society