

THE BANQUET.

The members of the State Dental Society and the visiting ladies who sat down to the banquet, spread in the Van Ness House dining-room, numbered about eighty, and the evident relish with which the several courses were dispensed was proof that the profession is not as wearing on the nerves of the dentist as on those of his patient.

At about 9 o'clock, President W. S. Curtis, of West Randolph, who acted as presiding officer, gave the usual raps indicative of transition from the mere material feast to that of wit and wisdom, and after a pleasant introduction of the sentiment, "The Queen City," he called on Mayor Haselton to respond. Mayor Haselton replied. Toastmaster Curtis presented the toast, "Our Visitors." Dr. Beers replied. To Dr. E. E. McGovern, of Vergennes, was assigned the sentiment, "Our Ladies." "Our Commercial Friends as we see them" was the toast that fell to G. W. Hoffman, of White River Junction. Dr. J. E. Waitt, of Boston, was requested to say a few words in behalf of dental students. "Qualifications Necessary for a Dentist" was replied to by Dr. R. M. Chase, of Bethel. "Spiritual and Material Progress" had been assigned to W. H. Towne, of Boston. Dr. H. C. Merriam was called on for remarks on the toast, "Love thy Neighbour as Thyself." "The Human Voice," with invidious purpose, was assigned to Dr. Perkins, who, owing to a hard cold, was unable to speak, and he detailed Dr. Lewis, of Burlington, to read his remarks, which were, it may be said, the opposite of a eulogy on the grip. "The Sunset of a Doctor's Practice" was responded to by Dr. Lewis, of Burlington. Presiding Officer Curtis, who, by the way, filled his position admirably throughout, rose to say that the toasts were exhausted, though those present evidently were not, and, as is very unusual for the modern banquet, the occasion ended shortly before 11 o'clock.

Following is a list, including ladies, of those who were present at the banquet, and whose names were not given in the list of the members of the society that was published in the report of the opening session of the meeting: Robert T. Moffatt, of Boston; Burton C. Russell, of Keene, N.H.; Mrs. E. O. Blanchard, of West Randolph; A. A. Minott, of Northfield; J. Holmes Jackson, of Barre; J. H. Collins, of Granville, N.Y.; George L. Fenn, of Bristol; P. L. Ellis and wife, of Swanton; Hon. C. H. Wells, L.D.S., of Huntington, P.Q.; Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lamb, of Port Henry, N.Y.; J. F. Wilson, of Champlain, N.Y.; Mrs. C. T. Clark, of Saxton's River; A. R. Hines, of Providence; W. H. Towne, of Boston, Mass.; Mayor Seneca Haselton, of Burlington; W. S. Curtis and lady, of West Randolph; Horatio C. Merriam, of Salem, Mass.; F. G. Wallace, of Boston; Miss Grace L. Bosworth,