

The articles are, it seems to me, admirably chosen, both for those laboring in the profession, and educating the people as to what their dentists should be.

It is with gratification not unmixed with a tinge of envy, that we in New Brunswick, see the standard of dentistry so much higher in Ontario and Quebec, than in our own Maritime Provinces. I do not mean that we have not as proficient dentists, but while they are protected there by dental laws, we have an open field for quacks, who can in a multitude of ways palm off their proficiency in so called painless (?) dentistry; while they are debarred from their nefarious practice in places protected by law, they come to us seeking "green fields and pastures new" and in the most resplendent dress and in the attractive announcements of painless extracting free of charge, cozen a certain class of credulous persons into having teeth extracted that ache, or in the future may ache, (like the boy who was sent to the store with a picture and flogged before he went, for fear he might break it) and in the meantime extolling the merits of their money-making medicine, warranted to cure everything from rheumatism to a sore toe, and selling bottle after bottle to grateful victims, who think they have struck a bonanza in having teeth extracted without money and without price, when if they had consulted a proficient dentist, they might have been made useful for years.

The time has gone when dentistry was on a plane with any trade, when it was thought that all required was muscle to bring out the teeth; and when any boy working for a few months in a dentist's office could put out his shingle as "Dr. so and so" and cheat himself and his patients into the belief that he was a proficient dentist. Where the community is protected by a dental law and the standard consequently elevated, dentistry is as it should be, placed side by side with the medical profession. When we consider what important effects the teeth have upon the general health, medicine and dentistry seem twin brothers.

We see the good effects of a dental law in that it leads to conventions where dentists may meet, advance and gain new ideas relative to their profession, benefiting themselves and consequently the general public and raising the standard of the profession higher.

It is for the dental practitioners of New Brunswick, to be up and doing, for we know by experience that nothing is to be gained by mere sentiment and theory, each should act well their part, putting