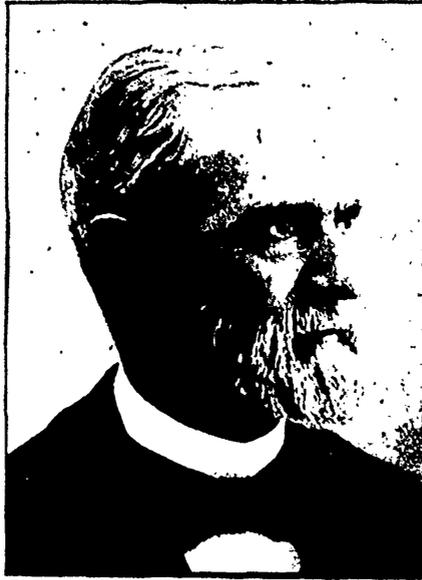


teeth fitted and finished by himself, quite equal to anything of the kind that could be made to-day.

Referring to his article elsewhere in this issue, our readers will read with interest the outcome of this original expedition in the amateur field of practice. The success of his own plate induced him to try his prentice hand for some of his friends. He then constructed the necessary operating instruments, after the illustrated forms in "Goddard," and began filling teeth for his own family, before he had any thought of studying dentistry. After



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his first seven months of self-reliant and independent study, everything seemed easy. He entered an office, after the fashion of the times, in 1848, and was at once set to work. In 1849 he graduated, according to the custom, with a certificate of recommendation. There was then no law or license. The "School of Practice" consisted of the office and laboratory work, while dental periodicals were his chief text-book—the *American Journal of Dental Science*, the *Dental Register* of the West, the *Dental News Letter* and the *Dental Cosmos*. He attended "lectures" as follows: The American Dental Convention, which made him well acquainted with the leading dentists of the country; the late American