

We come to a dental society to learn as much as possible, and, sometimes, the dentist we would bar out by our "code of ethics," has some pointers he could give to the profession, and is prevented from so doing. Personally, I think a really objectionable person would hardly feel at home, and I would leave the latch string on the outside.

Each individual should be induced to take an active interest. We see the result of this in the "institutional church" and its success. He should not only try to get as much in the way of knowledge as he can, but also, before the meeting, try to think of something that might be useful to the members present. The meeting should take place at such a time and place that the dentist attending will find it as little as possible to his pecuniary disadvantage. There is a question in my own mind whether it would not be advisable to hold the "Ontario Dental Society" meeting during the Exhibition, and always in this city, as at that time a number of dentists always come to Toronto and possibly would attend and take an interest in our society, especially as the dental depots and other attractions are in the city. It rests a great deal with the programme committee whether a society will be attractive, well attended, or not. The programme should be as practical as possible, having short concise papers. Clinics I think one of the most profitable features. I would, instead of leaving them until the last day when a number are compelled to leave, have them interspersed throughout the meeting. Have such a programme that it will pay a dentist to attend. A dentist going to a meeting, getting no ideas, considers he has wasted his time. See that the papers promised are given, and well prepared before being given.

The person opening the discussion should have an opportunity of reading the paper at least twenty-four hours before being read before the society. Commence and stop discussion at the stroke of the clock. Avoid, as much as possible, all red-tapeism, and do the preliminary business of the meeting as quickly as is consistent with doing it well and in order. Discussion should be to the point, and chronic and bombastic individuals held in check. Begin on time so as never to forget the Question Box and Incidents in office practice. Sometimes we receive more benefit from the answering, by the members present, of some simple question, such as, What labial clamps do you use with the greatest satisfaction? or, How do you cap an exposed pulp? than from some long dissertation, good no doubt, on "The teeth of the Mammalia," or similar subject.