

"board," with all that looking him in the face, he will pretty near have the nerve, if he does get through, to be the making of quite a respectable dentist. I mention this to show, in part, what the society has accomplished. And here is another important reason why every dentist should belong to this society. There are mean men found in all departments of life, and unfortunately, some invade our profession. There is no certainty but that a sheep with black wool will, from time to time, slide by the "board." Now, if every upright dentist belonged to this society, and would pull together, they would soon have the black wool all pulled out, with him in the society, or he would be made to look almighty black on the outside.

We are menaced by "Dental Shops" some time in the future, and the public will have to be further educated in the difference between professionalism and commercialism. The enemy may not approach us soon, but we had better fortify the ground already gained, concentrate our forces, educate and discipline new recruits, and be ready for all emergencies. It is needless for me to try and put forth any further arguments in favor of organization. We all know the helpful influence the Dental Society has over young and inexperienced practitioners; how it cultivates and develops brotherly love, removes suspicion, and creates a source of inspiration, both in old and young. If we find a section or locality where the influence of society has not reached, we find jealousies, envy, slanders, and all manner of bitterness, but this has been known to clear away like Philipinos before our soldiers' aim. There is no man endowed with so much natural ability, skill and tact, with a head so full of brains loaded with knowledge, but that he can make just a little more of himself, by mingling with others in the same pursuit.

Every dentist needs something to lean against, something for protection. Look at the dilemma that most of us dentists found ourselves placed in, when the International Tooth Crown Company declared war. It was worth the price of admission to the Protective Association, for the relief of anxiety even for the time being.

We have good men in the society and good men out, but what we want is to get at the good men who are out of the society, and here lies the question, "By what means can we best accomplish our purpose?"

I am going to recommend for your earnest consideration that a committee be created by this society, and this committee to work in the capacity of a soliciting agent for the society. It occurs to me that a committee created and instructed to interview