

The state of pregnancy is conducive to the production of caries of the teeth. It is the case with delicate females who have enjoyed the luxuries of fashionable life, and have turned the hours of sleep into that of mirth and pleasure, and when they become pregnant, instead of appropriating the phosphates which they require for the nourishment of the osseous dental and other tissues of their own organism, it goes to the fœtus, the consequence being that the health of the mother and that of the child (after birth) suffer producing as well decay of the teeth in the former, and their malformation in the latter.

We have seen that, unfortunately, several of the aliments and condiments forming part of our diet, some of the local and general diseases, and even some of the vital phenomena conducive to the production of dental disease. The preservation of the temporary organs of mastication are as essential to the existing and future welfare of a patient as that of the permanent ones, and the same hygienic means above mentioned for their preservation are applicable.

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### DENTAL EDUCATION.

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I have selected for a subject, that which, I think, has not previously been brought before you, and when the good of the profession is taken into consideration, should stand side by side with other great movements towards its elevation to a high standard of respectability. I refer to the educational qualifications or literary attainments of Dental Students.

There is no avocation in life which does not require a degree of educational qualifications in order that it may be successfully followed. From the humblest artizan to the most dignified professional, any lack of education which the calling of either demands, is recognisable, and brings with it a degree of regret or contempt. The swarthy smith who deals with the king of metals, and subjects it to the requirements of civilization, in order to a successful transaction of his business, requires it to a limited extent; while a professional man, who has the writings of great minds to digest, and whose judgment, at times, undergoes the most trying ordeals, requires to be highly educated.