

are in charge of a humanitarian practice, and every one that assumes the vocation of a dentist, and does not recognize the fact and morality of his charge, is just so much a charlatan and unworthy of the respect of the needy public; more, they are *brutes*.

The subject of patents was being decried by the authors of papers on that line at this meeting, and as warmly upheld by some of the disputants. Dr. St. John Roosa, the noted aurist of New York, plainly showed that the medical profession had been amply provided with all the facilities up to date in skilful invention absolutely outside of any patent protection. What they have done, why can it not be done by our calling? *Money! money!* is the cry; but a man's riches do not consist in the money that he possesses. Really, the true reward comes from the knowledge that one has benefited one of his fellow-men. But again, we are aware that but few are imbued with the giving spirit. "My family must live" is the echo, and yet there are those who will forget themselves in the interest of others. We were saying lately that we were in the commercial age to a fellow-practitioner. "Yes," he replied, "but we had a demonstration of what it can do at the Philippine Islands. Money furnishes the sinews of war. Yes, that is another side. Life has its part and pull, and that is what keeps us in an equilibrium."

We are disposed to emphasize the fact that so good and manifest atmosphere prevailed at this late meeting. If there were any ruffled disposition we failed to notice it. We are so much interested in dentists as dentists, we do not take on their differences. While there has come a decided separation in the ranks of Greater New York dentists, yet we are hoping that in the existence of two societies in New York proper, there will be a disposition ultimately to more and more fraternize on general principles of interests.

We have learned with regret that Dr. John Farrar is anything but a well man. He has so assiduously devoted himself to his large and lucrative practice, and his devotion to the publication of his marvellous literary productions, that his health has given way, many fear disastrously. Yet, we trust not. Another of our valuable practitioners, greatly beyond the ordinary, has had a severe drop in the physical scale. We refer to Dr. Kingsley, so widely known. He and Dr. Farrar have gone on side by side in the same line, so far as correcting the irregularities of teeth are concerned, and still their methods are quite dissimilar. While Dr. Kingsley has moved out into a field of correcting the deformities of the facial expressions; while he has so skilfully pioneered in this field, he has now an honorable and skilful competitor in Dr. Core, of Chicago, who has pushed decidedly to the front; and yet, as Mr. Webster said, the majestic lawyer of America in his day. "There is plenty of room upstairs."