

Referring to what I have remarked about the general lack of dental education on the Continent, I must in justice say that an annual increase occurs in the number of those who visit America from these shores in search of improvement, and who on their return seldom fail to meet with a just appreciation of their merits.

I am sorry to state however that the larger number remain but for one course, and having picked up somewhat at the practical manipulation, do not thoroughly perfect themselves, but return to compete on a firmer ground-work with the colleague who has not been capable of the same advantages.

American dentistry is represented as a body by the *American Dental Society of Europe* the last meeting of which was held in Paris. Through absence, (being then in Canada) I cannot give you an account of that convention. The topics treated however, are of the same standard and general character of those discussed at similar assemblages in the United States ; for example the list of essays for this summer embrace.

- (1) Irregularities of the Teeth, causes and treatment.
- (2) Cause of        "        "        "        "
- (3) Is it desirable to separate Operative and Mechanical Dentistry ?
- (4) National types of teeth.
- (5) What materials are best for filling and preserving the teeth between the ages of twelve and fourteen ?

I hope to render you a good account of European opinion on these subjects.

As far as Germany is concerned the profession is represented by various societies :

Central Verein Deutscher Zahnärzte—

Gesellschaft Berliner Zahnärzte—

also societies in Frankfort a Main—Austria and Schleswig Holstein.—there hold their meetings I believe annually. The American dentist excels in operating over his Continental colleague for the reasons mentioned, but as mechanical workmen they can fully compete with their American brethren. I have seen plate work of the highest standard, that had been in use for years, and showing skill equal to that of more modern date.

Still rubber has, as in the States, worked its evil influences upon the character of mechanical dentistry, and plate work (gold etc) by the many,