

our teeth when they are worn, and by supplying us with new teeth, when those which nature has given us are no longer serviceable. He is indeed a benefactor, and, as Governor of the Commonwealth, I am very glad to say to you, for her people, without you we should be but badly off. You are an essential part of our society, and as such, we accord you the esteem and respect in which you are held. It has been one of the gratifying events of my administration that since it began you have been given formal recognition by the Commonwealth. The law creating for the dentists of this State a Board of Registration, received my approval, not only official, but personal. I was of the opinion when the measure reached me, as I had been for some time before, that there should be some guarantee that a man who was to exercise the profession as a dentist, was properly qualified. This guarantee the law referred to provides. I know that its provisions meet your approval, and that its operation is beneficial. You may be confident that while I am Governor, any law so wise as this, and so far-reaching in its beneficent action, which may come to me from the Legislature, will receive my approval." (Loud applause.)

Dr. Peabody referred to the present tendency of medical men to become specialists, and said: "Certainly there is no such thing as perfection in any one department without concentrated devotion to it. The specialists owe to themselves and their peculiar departments a very high standard of general culture. (Applause.) No man is fit to be a specialist who does not bring to his peculiar branch of his profession a thoroughly liberal education. (Applause.) I do not mean a formal college education, though that, I think, is always desirable where it can be had. But by a liberal education I mean culture in general literature, in the essential departments of science where possible in classical literature, and certainly in all the departments of science that have a relation, however seemingly remote, to the special department in hand. (Applause.) Your work is not only to keep your profession where it is, but to advance it to a higher and ever higher degree of perfection. In every department progress is made not by the mere narrow specialist. All that he can do is to move in the track in which he starts. A narrow man, however skilful he may become in a certain line of work, if he knows very little beyond that sphere, never advances in his own department. He simply does journey work, and is a mere journeyman all his life long. (Applause.) A man who advances in his own department must necessarily be intimately conversant with all that is nearly associated with that department. In your profession I should say that a knowledge of everything appertaining to the human system, to its anatomy, to its physiology, to the diseases to which it is liable, would be valuable, for there is no portion of the human frame and no experience