

to make possibly a grand success in some other calling or profession. As a lawyer, farmer or minister even, they may attain to eminence, but as dentists they are not a success.

Now, as to the practice of dentistry to-day, one is forced to the conclusion that the time has come for special work and training in some one department. Life is too short for any man to cover all the ground. As in medicine the treatment of diseases has been divided, and we now go to a specialist, so in dental practice, it is high time that we follow the same methods. Only in this way may we hope to reach great attainments.

Possessed of mechanical skill and well read in the higher education and some special branch to work at, one quality more is needed, which is greater than any, and that is love, devotion, enthusiasm, unselfishness. This, gentlemen, is the key-note to all high and noble attainments. It is our salvation—in politics, religion, business and professions. As it applies to us, will speak briefly.

As dentists we should view each case presented to us, as to the best possible results to be obtained, considered from the artist's standpoint, and then labor with the single purpose to accomplish the same. Give to your patients the highest results of your skill as a mechanic, professional studies and research, your individual interest, which amounts to enthusiasm, even devotion; impress them with the idea that you are kind, noble, skilful, humane—in fact, the best operator in your town or city; and there is only one way under heaven to create that impression, and that is, simply to be such.

Right here is where many of us fail. We are indifferent, independent. One cannot hope for great results without compelling the attention, confidence, aye, the devotion of his patients, and these are secured only as we give to them the same in our work.

Such a giving out of yourselves to your patients, without any silliness, not only commands a good fee, but secures you for life in their patronage, and it is deserved, too, for you have paid the highest price possible.

The world to-day is looking for just such service, in church, state, trade, and the professions. Money does not always buy it, but it will always command the same.

Again, as to making your work a truly religious one in its best sense, our great Master lays down the law of highest service as love to God and man. The two are not separate, they are one, and in our daily work, in the most arduous of all the professions, we are carrying out, or failing to do, this great law.

We can make our service in the best sense a high and noble one, by making our ideals high. First, a clean body, for that is next to godliness; clean hands, and that is before it; heart, soul