

its members, and the advancement of the science of dental and oral surgery. Such is the recorded aim as laid down in the constitution. If we are to obtain this result, we must secure the best talent within our reach, and come prepared to assimilate everything good on the bill of fare. Only those who have had a part in getting up a programme for an annual meeting know the many obstacles in the way. And here I might say, that I think the members of this Society forget Sec. 4 of Article II., which reads thus: "It shall be the duty of every active member to take such part in the programme as shall be asked by the Programme Committee." Many of those written to on the matter do not even manifest common business courtesy, and neglect to reply to the Secretary's letter.

It is the privilege of the members to help each other, and that is our object in meeting together. Every dentist has some hobby upon which he can write or talk, and upon which he is well informed, and if each of us imparts his knowledge to others, our sphere of usefulness will be enlarged. I trust we may all receive useful information at, and carry away pleasant memories from, this annual meeting.

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## HOW TO MAKE DENTAL MEETINGS ATTRACTIVE.\*

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† As the attractiveness and attendance at dental meetings are enhanced by the amity and fraternal feeling among the members, it is well, I think, for the members to pay some attention to conduct before and between meetings. Let members of the society, in meeting other dentists, act in such a way as will show them they take a kindly interest in all dentists. All dentists have mutual interests. Let members of society in meeting the patient of another dentist, remember to "do unto others as you would that others would do unto you."

Never make it possible for a brother dentist to hear that you gave a patient a bad impression of his character or work. It is only a rogue who would by means of a sneer, a shrug of the shoulders, or disparaging words, criticise the work of another dentist before working for that patient. How often we hear dentists give as their reason for not joining a dental society, the unprofessional and dishonorable conduct, such as I have mentioned, of some member.

As regards the "Code of Ethics" and requirements for membership, let them prevent no honest dentist from becoming a member

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