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PYORRHEA ALVEOLARIS.*

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During the last winter I have travelled from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico, have visited several dental institutions, and been into the offices of many distinguished practitioners of dentistry both in the North and in the South. There is nothing so inspiring to a dentist, nothing that will give him such a "good conceit of himself," to use the words of the Scotch dominie, as to come in contact with the great men of his profession. He will find them, after all, very much like ourselves, struggling amid failures and successes for higher ideals. There is not such a great difference between men: the difference is in what they accomplish. The great man attempts more, for he is invariably a hard worker, and his greater success lies in his enthusiasm, and the painstaking efforts he puts forth along the lines that the average man is afraid to treat.

Last winter it was my good fortune to become intimately acquainted with Dr. T. P. Hinman, of Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Hinman is President of the Southern branch of the National Dental Association, and is a Canadian by birth. He has probably one of the best equipped offices in the United States, and I know of no one who has a larger practice. His success in treating pyorrhea was so astonishing to me, that I intimated to Dr. Magee, on my return home, a desire to have Dr. Hinman attend this convention. He was unable to come, and this is my excuse for appearing before

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