

out 150, while twelve colleges out of thirty-three graduated more than three-fourths of the entire number. Two of the new colleges have held no commencement. It required this year the force of fourteen full-fledged colleges, with their equipments, faculties, etc., supposed to be perfect, to graduate ninety-one students, an average of six and one-half each. In fact, eleven colleges together graduated fifty-one students. There are now about 130 local societies in the United States, with an aggregate membership of nearly 5,000.

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CLEANLINESS IN DENTAL PRACTICE.—“ In the first place, we must be clean about our person; a fine suit of clothes and clean linen will not fill the bill; our person must be clean. If we take manual exercise as we should, we must bathe often enough to keep a sweaty smell from our body. It is important that the breath should be watched; it is awful to go to work over a patient with a foul breath. If we use tobacco, limit the use until after office hours. The hands should be kept soft and clean, and our patient ought to have the satisfaction of seeing them washed the last thing before going to work. Now, it is not necessary to go through a lot of red tape, and do it in a sort of ‘Miss Nancy’ way, rather do it as a matter of course, and in a business way. Then, the office should be kept in the best of order, and clean as the parlor of any patient we wish to do business for. The instruments should not only be clean, but look clean; if they are nickle-plated, it is an easy matter to keep them looking nicely, and it should be done. Enough of this! We all know the importance of cleanliness in the dental office.—*J. L. Sweetnam, D.D.S., in Dental Register.*”

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THE temperance people of Chicago have the courage of their convictions, anyhow. An offer of fifteen hundred dollars a month rent was recently made to them for the right to put a gilded palace, in which to sell tobacco, in the rotunda of their marble halls in the Temperance Temple. But Mrs. Carse answered: “Admit the vile weed into our temple of truth and purity? Never!”—*Dental Register.*