

United States. By attending its meetings, we come in contact and become personally acquainted with some of the best men in the profession, men whom we should consider it an honor to know. Often we become intimately acquainted with our neighboring competitors whom we have never met, and only know them through some of their disaffected patients, who portray them to be wretches unworthy of consideration; but when we see them face to face we learn they are men, whole-souled, honest and glad to aid us in any way they can. Had it not been for the Vermont State Dental



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Society, we would not have had a Vermont Dental Law, for at least several years after it was passed, if at all. Had we not had a State law, the country places would have been over-run with tramp dentists, cutting down prices so it would have made it impossible for any one to have done honest work and received a living price for it. All honor to the founders of the society. Well did they lay the foundation. May its shadow never grow less. Some of them are with us to-day. Long may they live. Well do I remember the kind remarks and advice of some of them, although I never became personally acquainted with many. I remember with gratitude and pleasure helpful things said to me by some, especially Dr. Lewis and the much lamented Dr. O. P. Forbush. It has been my experience with the

members of this Society, that they have been always as willing to give advice and counsel as we were to receive it. I think they should know their kindness is appreciated. I believe the country dentists are trying to do honest work, and a great deal of their work will compare favorably with any work done. I believe amalgam and gutta percha are a boon to the country dentist, enabling him to do good serviceable work at the prices he is obliged to charge. There is no reason why the country dentist should not, or cannot be just as thorough as if he was practising in a city, and sometimes more so, for often he can take all the time he wishes, and may be he had better, for if done too quickly the patients may think he is overcharging them. We should not be