

of dental mechanics in which a classical education will not be a necessity. But for those who shall pretend to occupy any of the higher walks, erudition will be the first prerequisite. Our colleges will be teaching branches that will require trained intelligence to comprehend. Those who are not possessed of this will be shaken through the meshes of the professional net, and will bring up on the lower levels, while the larger men, those having a liberal education with a degree of native intellectuality, will keep their place at the top. Patrick Henry said that his feet were guided only by the lamp of experience. It will be well for us if we permit its rays to light up our future professional path.—*Dental Practitioner and Advertiser*.

Tit Bits from the Editors.

AS the literature of a profession must keep even pace with it to be of either historical or didactic value, so too the literature of dentistry must continually broaden and endeavor to include within its grasp all that pertains not only to the science and practice of dentistry by itself, but all that is correlative to it.—*Pacific Medico-Dental Gazette*.

DR. MOORE, of Frankfort, has recorded a case of symptoms of poisoning which he affirms was caused by the application of cocaine to the dental pulp by means of the electric current. After thorough investigation to discover the cause of the accident, he is convinced that the apical foramen was very patent, so that the cocaine rapidly entered the system.—*Brit. Jour. Dental Science*.

AS a matter of every-day experience it is not the best educated practitioner who has the inclination to treat cases which would be referred to some one else; on the contrary, it is the ignorant general practitioner who fails to see the advisability of calling in the consultant, the ignorant dentist who treats a case that should be in the hands of a surgeon or physician. There are plenty of dentists who hold full medical qualifications, are members or fellows of the various qualifying bodies, or doctors of medicine; but do we find even these undertaking in their practice cases which they, in one sense, properly might, but which at the same time they know would be better handled by others? Most emphatically no; but that is just what the ignorant practitioner often does, whether in medicine or dentistry.—*Journal of British Dental Association*.