

I would recommend to all, the reading of all advertisements in our journals concerning new instruments, for often it is that a whole treatise is hidden therein. I got clearer views on enamel cutting and preservation of the edge of chisels from Dr. Jacks' "adv." than from all other sources at my command.

In Harris' second edition no reference is made to chisels; it would seem as if they were an invention of a much later time. Thus, I might go on till you would weary of the "chestnuts," as many of you are cognizant of these later days.

One or two thoughts in closing. I have not said much about two great influences that have made, and still make, a powerful impression on the profession.

1st. Journalism; in those early days one, or at the most two journals were in existence, now a score or more, each one having more pages of matter in one number than in a whole volume of those earlier times. I show you a number of the *News Letter* of the first volume, with its ten pages of reading matter and two of advs., of this latter, the greater part jeweller's material. Compare it with the *Cosmos* of to-day, its successor, with thirty-five or forty pages of excellent matter, fully illustrated, and quite as many of advs. with cuts, so fine, that they compel our admiration and draw forth our careful savings, that we may call them ours. Then the quality and character of papers found in the journals show a still larger expanding of our specialty. And if such is the stride in these forty years, what will it be when you young men shall be looking back to your yesterday? How broad the foundations ought to be, to bear such a glorious structure as seems to be in the womb of the future.

2nd. As an auxiliary to journalism, is society organizations. I am of the opinion that near 150 exist at this time in the United States, most of them meeting semi-annally. Consider the influence such factors must be in shaping results, forming character, enlarging the mind, mellowing the heart, and liberalizing the man. Make all the use of these you possibly can. We cannot afford to leave them alone. Our interests are identified with their influence. He that reads not the literature of his profession, and keeps from friendly intercourse with his fellow, "is fit for stratagems and spoils," and will bear watching when called to minister to a tooth diseased.

It seems rather singular that I should have come in contact in