

profession may, as time goes on and the meetings grow in interest, feel the necessity and profit of joining with us in the endeavor to keep up with the times. Now, what shall I say of those who have freely and voluntarily subscribed to the articles of faith, and have been weighed in the balance and found wanting? Shall I dignify their action by noticing it? Shall I lower the dignity of our honorable calling by bringing to your notice the contemptible, dishonest, disreputable and utterly unprofessional practice made use of by several who have libelled themselves by signing our books and afterwards doing the things which they ought not to have done? Fortunately they are not men possessed of any professional standing, of no reputation mentally or morally, of no social standing; and the fact of them resorting to such unworthy means of replenishing the decaying public patronage and bringing grist to the unworthy mill, is a sure indication that they are total failures along the orthodox lines, and are in need of an artificial stimulant; which fact the discerning, intelligent and well-informed better class of the community are quick to correctly interpret and appreciate at its proper value.

We do not need to search for an apology for this line of action very long, as we invariably find at the bottom either a low moral tone, a mental obscurity, or a mercenary mendacity that eclipses any good light that may have existed in their composition by contact with superior beings in earlier days, and so far forgetting the fact that they have been privileged to be called into an honorable profession, and distinguished above their meed by a degree above their ability to maintain, and superior to their manhood to aspire to; and, like water, they gravitate to the level of the sordid cesspool of their original natures, forgetting to return to the fountain of the cause of their temporary distinction, anything of the lustre of fame or light of loyalty to the profession that may have been the means of elevating them from the obscurity of their origination and their early education does not fit them for, or their vulgar tastes and coarse natures prevent them from, appreciating. You may be called upon to take action upon those recent recreants. Your constitution calls upon you to do so, and it provides for it.

I would suggest in this connection, that a change be made in the rules by amending them, so that a direct vote of the Society will be necessary to elect a member after being vouched for by a mover and seconder. I would also bring to your notice for consideration the inadequate means at the disposal of the proper officers provided by the low annual fee. With more money, more good could be done and more attractive programmes provided, which would mean better attendance and enlarged fields of useful and important subjects.

In conclusion, as the time of the withdrawal of my term of office as your President has arrived, I must embrace the opportunity of