

and requisite to lift the standard of Dentistry high above its former level, remove the old land marks, shake off the old garb of jealousy and secret doings, and flock young and old, rich and poor, from every quarter of the globe, and there as a body of men at the modern school of Athens, sit quietly at the feet of those who so nobly and generously devote their time and ability, without pecuniary reward, as professors and teachers in this noble science and profession of Dentistry. What a debt of gratitude is due to those who struggled through difficulties and opposition, in order to establish schools and colleges where the principles of Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry and the pre-requisites so essential in the art of Dentistry may be learned, and a systematic and thorough knowledge obtained, before granting that degree which years of constant practice, and months of steady application to studies alone entitle them.

Your board of examiners have made a move in the right direction, would the law could extend to the lower provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, that travelling quacks and so called professional empirics might be prevented from taking undue advantage of so many of our people in both these provinces, and especially through many portions of the villages and country towns. Cannot something be done? May we not combine our forces, and take such steps as will rid our provinces and allow only these who may be lawfully recognised as fit and proper persons to practice this calling? I appeal to those of New Brunswick as Dentists, to combine with us of Nova Scotia and let us do as has been done in Canada. By combining our forces we maybe able, not only to protect ourselves, but the community at large. Can we not form our societies, and meet together at stated periods for the purpose of elevating not only the profession, but for the good of one another. These societies are quite numerous at the present time, all over the United States forming both district as well as state organizations. Let us not stand aloof in every good enterprise—especially when the public are beginning to ask who are the most skillful, educated and proper persons with whom to intrust themselves and their children for Dental operations. Those of us who have been struggling hard for the past ten or fifteen years, cannot close our eyes to all these things, but feel desirous to advance in the same ratio in the provinces as do those of the United States, and place ourselves in the same footing with those high up in the profession, let "Excelsior" be the motto.

• The time will come when only those will be employed whose names