

was somewhat like an old dress, it was not quite suitable for this occasion although it had some material in it which might be used; so I thought by writing it over and putting some new with it to give it a little color, it might be presentable, especially as your chairman had intimated that "any old thing" would do.

But to be serious, it was with feelings of more than fraternal interest that I consented to read this paper here to-night.

The good old State of Vermont has a very warm place in my affections—affections which I have inherited, which have come down to me through four generations. For it was to help your great-grandfathers defend our common country that my great-grandfather, Captain Ephraim Sawyer, came up here from New Hampshire to assist at Ticonderoga, and later with General Stark at Bennington, helped to gain that grand and glorious victory which was the beginning of the end of Burgoyne's invasion. But we are to be congratulated that we live in happier days; that the country which was then our worst enemy is to-day our best friend; that the lessons which those brave patriots taught the mother-country she learned well, and as a result to-day England gives to her colonies the broadest possible liberty; that the policy of George III. and Lord North is not the policy of the good Queen Victoria and her able minister Salisbury. While here my worthy ancestor became so much attached to your State and people that he decided to make his home among you, and not far from this place he lived and died; and from here my grandfather, the Rev. Ephraim Sawyer, went forth, with his young bride, to that then new and now great State of Pennsylvania, to carry the good news of God's love to men. And so, to-night, I have come back home, as it were to read you a paper on dentistry and I have chosen for my subject

CONSCIENTIOUSNESS IN OUR DAILY PRACTICE.

First of all let me say that I believe there are certain essential elements of character which are necessary to a successful dental practice; and by successful I mean that kind of practice which saves to our patients the most teeth in a useful and comfortable condition, relieves humanity of the greatest amount of suffering, and lifts the operator above that low and grovelling pursuit of mere dollars.

Do not misunderstand me. I believe that to gain a competence for ourselves and those dependent upon us is worthy of high endeavor and persistent effort, but these should not be our highest or only motives.

To be such a dentist one should have a great heart and an equally well-developed conscience. If nature has not given him, these he should make haste to cultivate them. Both are essential