

appointment cards, and during *those hours only* will the dentists see patients for consultation. Such a disposition of time makes it possible to see patients for short intervals, and, besides, what is of more importance, the dentist is not interrupted during the time he is engaged filling teeth, or performing other operations, which require careful continuous attention.

Nor is this all ; there is often an injustice done to patients by leaving them with rubber dam in place, in an uncomfortable position, while others occupy our time. This should not be so. There are some well-established rules of practice in other professions, which are equally as applicable to ours, and Dr. Cogswell has very tersely pointed them out. I trust members of the profession who *give* their time and the benefit of their professional knowledge to their patients during consultations, may see the injustice thus done to themselves, their families and the profession.

Whoever seeks the advice of a professional man does so for the purpose of benefiting himself, and there is no reason why a suitable fee should not be received by the consulted for the services rendered.

Many years ago a large class of physicians occupied about the same position that dentists do to-day in this matter.

It was, indeed, esteemed a compliment by them, to receive a visit from a citizen who desired medical advice ; and for advice alone, or for time occupied in consultations with other physicians, fees were not usually received.

A well informed dentist can do his patients, especially young patients, children, more good by advice than operations which involve great expense. If it were possible to awaken that interest in parents, which would induce them to consult a dentist with their children, and consult him frequently, much suffering would be avoided, besides the dentures of our people would very materially improve.

I have written more than I intended when I began this letter, but my interest in the subject has led me on.

Wishing the JOURNAL the highest degree of prosperity, which it so justly merits, and hoping that all our professional friends in Canada will attend our big dental meeting during the Columbian Exposition.

I am, fraternally yours,

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