

tions of advertising a business which no one who has the credit of the profession at heart can advocate or practise. It is redeemed from all appearance of selfishness by the dignity of its motive, the relief of our fellowmen from needless suffering. Such will especially be the case if those eminent in the profession and enjoying the reputation of being experts undertake the work of enlightening the public. Their names will carry weight and give validity to their advice. They may be trusted to carry out that article of our code which says in substance: "It is our duty to enlighten the public mind so that it will properly appreciate the beneficent efforts of our profession." What I would insist upon, however, is not this or that method of reaching so desirable a result, but that we should cherish this purpose as a part of our professional duty, and be ready to lend our influence to all plans for the remedying of the evils which certainly exist. It is not so much the well-to-do and intelligent who need our assistance in this matter, as it is those whose poverty renders them unwilling to incur expense which seems to them unnecessary. The public may well afford to provide this large class with the means of ascertaining this need by the aid of the State, and through the schools, as a part of the debt the State owes to herself and her children. I cannot better conclude than by adopting the words of Parkes: "Such work seems wholly good, a work free from the error and frailty that clings to so much that we do; a work unselfish, devoid of wish of personal gain, and instinct with the love of man."

Non-Cohesive Gold Foil as a Filling Material.*

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Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Vermont Dental Association:

I wish to thank you for the invitation to be present at your annual meeting, also for the honor you conferred upon me at your last meeting by making me an honorary member of your association.

It would be presumption on my part to offer anything in the way of instruction. I will simply relate to you my experience for the past twenty-five or thirty years in the use of non-cohesive gold foil as a filling material, and possibly some thoughts or suggestions may be of benefit to you in your practice, and if you receive what

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