

have the position of not only the medical profession but the dental profession as well. We must not forget that we have a soul to be educated. We feel we have a kind of religion in us that we must worship. Whether we worship god or devil we have sentiments within us that require training, and if we do not train those sentiments we will lose our self-sacrifice, we will lose our devotion, we will lose our professional patriotism—for I think there is such a thing as professional patriotism—and we will march forward, as I said before, to the clink of the guinea instead of our own higher aspirations. These are the thoughts that cross me when I think of the question of education, either for the dental, the medical, or the surgical profession.

"The poet has well said:

"Life and soul make wretched jangling, they should mingle to one sire
As the children's voices mingle in some old cathedral choir.

Soul, alas! is unregarded; brothers! it is closely shut;
All unknown as royal Alfred in the Saxon weaver's hut,
In the dark house of the body, cooking victuals, lighting fires,
Swelters on the starry stranger, to our nature's base desires.
From its lips is't any marvel that no revelations come?
We have wronged it; we do wrong it—'tis majestically dumb!"

"That is the position into which every member of our profession is driven if this grip of science is allowed to extinguish the higher aspirations to which we were at one time accustomed. It has put its hands now upon our curriculum year by year, and it has now put its iron grasp on our preliminary examination, and when I stand in this hall and address the members of this great and ancient university which has held up the light of literature through the dark ages of our country, I cannot help appealing to them, as one man to another, to make a stand to lighten this incubus of science, science, science, money, money, money, arithmetic and algebra, for with the commercial instinct on the one hand, and scientific pressure on the other, they are jamming the professional spirit out of us. Well, you may say, What has that to do with the British Dental Association? It has this much to do with it, that we start from the same platform in our professional career; the preliminary examination is the same for the medical man as for the dentist, and that preliminary examination has been tampered with by the advocates of pure science, and I would ask the members of this great university to try, if possible, to claim for the preliminary examination of the student some of that higher education which makes a refined gentleman."

Professor Purser (on behalf of Trinity College, Dublin), Sir George Duffey (on behalf of the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland) and Sir Wm. Thomson (on behalf of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland), spoke very sympathetically. Altogether