

he has relieved us of and still laboring to do. Some day (fifty years) hence he may get a monument; but his *real reward* he gets as he goes along, for this always comes to those that labor for the right. Dr. Crouse has no war with legal claims, he is out and out against illegality—who is not?—and the best way to sustain him while he is in the fight is by finance; that is the best sinew of war. Just now our nation's pulse is quickened on this line, for Spain says we have got to "walk Spanish," and we have them. "We *won't* do it."

Movements are on foot for sounding the dentists regarding the formation of an Eastern branch of the National Association of Dentists. We see the name of Dr. Gorrie heading the list for the call. He has not before taken much, if any, part in our national bodies. He is a useful man and can doubtless carry more or less influence by inciting a larger interest among the Brooklyn fraternity. It means a good deal to get up a popular move in the formation of new movements among dentists. There is no disguising the fact that there is an immense apathy among dentists concerning dental bodies. We are not very sanguine that there will be a very large augmentation of interests, yet there may be. There is no little addition of the younger members noticed by us in our neighborhood for joining societies, certainly in the district and odontological societies. This may become more apparent during the coming year. There is a growing feeling, that we are becoming burdened with indications of a decided decadence of practice along professional lines, not only in our immediate vicinity. Nevertheless, we are firmly convinced that legislation will not produce any diminution of it, no more than prohibition can stop men and women from becoming excessive in drinking habits.

There is a decided impression gaining ground, that the action of society men is fostering exclusion, *i.e.*, they intend to labor to form public opinion, so that they will come to believe that no one outside of a dental society is a fit subject for practice. It will *never* be successful, and we say the less of such ideas the better. It is not a purpose at all worthy of truly professional men. A local example is the one roadway to a healthy elevation. We think we see a steady growing sentiment in favor of the revival of clinical gatherings; this we consider a step in the right direction for securing an attraction to the younger portion of our calling—men will see their self-interests in the clinic and make them more attractive than ever.

The New York Institute of Stomatology has held their May meeting which has proved one of no ordinary interest. All of the papers were well presented. They were strong and firm for the positions they took. We rarely have seen so good a spirit manifested. All of the discussions were frank and decided, but no