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## EDITORIALS

### The New President of the American Medical Association

**D**R. CHARLES H. MAYO, of Rochester, Minn., was elected President of  
the American Medical Association at its annual meeting in Detroit, June  
12-16.

Dr. Mayo needs no introduction to the dental profession. His fame as a  
surgeon, and the reputation of the Mayo Clinic, of which he is the junior member,  
is known to every physician and dentist, not only in this country but through-  
out Europe as well.

It was Dr. Mayo who said a few years ago that the next great step in medical  
advancement would come from the dental profession. His unerring judgment  
in this prediction is borne out by present development in dental science.

Dr. Mayo was born in Rochester, Minn., July 19th, 1865, the son of the  
late Dr. William Worrall Mayo, and Louise Abigail Wright Mayo. He grad-  
uated from the Chicago Medical College in 1888, and at once began practice in  
Rochester with his father and his elder brother, Dr. William J. Mayo, who was  
president of the American Medical Association in 1906.

Dr. Mayo has frequently been honored by his confrères. In 1904 he was president of the Western Surgical Association; in 1905, president of the Minnesota State Medical Association; chairman of the Section on Surgery of the American Medical Association in 1907; and president of the American Congress of Clinical Surgery in 1915.

Dr. Mayo bears the honors heaped upon him in a manner that is in keeping with his worth as a surgeon and a scientist. With quiet demeanor, and a singleness of purpose, he pursues the even tenor of his way, intent upon one thing—more light on surgical subjects—more ability to serve. His life and achievement is a striking example of the adage that there are exceptions to all rules, because it is said that “a prophet is not without honor save in his own country.” He was born in Rochester—in Rochester he has achieved his greatest success—in Rochester he is best known, most honored, and by its citizens he is most loved.

The dental profession can, with absolute assurance, count upon Dr. Mayo's help when this is needed and sought.

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### State Dental Journals

ONE of the most auspicious signs of dental advancement is the establishment of independent state dental journals. It marks a distinct epoch in dentistry and is sure to mean much to this science. A state dental organization can accomplish much more when it has an independent medium through which to wage its battles for reform and for betterment within its ranks, than where it is forced to depend upon a journal that is subsidized by manufacturers and dental supply houses.

Independence in thought is the life blood to scientific development. Organizations whose purpose is scientific development must let the people whom they are trying to serve know what they are doing, and they must let what they are doing be known in no uncertain manner. This can only be accomplished through the medium of the press. State dental organizations are sponsors for the profession in their respective states, and a profession can rise no higher than its organization.

A journal owned and controlled by the state organization with a vigorous policy for betterment and higher development, will do more to unfetter dentistry and to place it where it rightly belongs among the sciences, than any other influence, save possibly that of taking dental education out of private hands and putting it under the control of universities.

A national journal for any national scientific body is of untold benefit to that body, and indirectly to the people whom that body serves. For a national journal to rise to its greatest heights and render its greatest service, it should be backed up and assisted in its work by state journals. Universities for advanced teaching must be fed by high schools and colleges; Field Marshals, Major Generals and Lieutenants must have Captains and Corporals over the privates in the ranks if the effectiveness of military life is attained.

It is only by comparison that change is noticeable. Ten or twelve years ago there was scarcely a state medical journal in existence—today every state medical society has its own journal, and they work hand in hand with the national organ