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EDITORIAL

To the Members of the National Dental Association:

Greeting:

What are you doing to advance the interests of the National Dental Association? At the present time, we have fifteen thousand members. Our slogan for 1916 is "Twenty Thousand." If every member will do his part and go to work at once to secure one new member, our goal will be more than reached at our Louisville meeting. I am sure you know of some member of the dental profession who is a most excellent fellow, and yet not a member of his state organization. Go to him at

once and secure his membership. This will automatically make him a member of the National.

If we have twenty thousand members by the time of the Louisville meeting, our future is assured and a monthly Journal can be established. We are very anxious to build up the advertising columns of the Journal so as to place it on a self sustaining basis. To do this, we will have to prove to the advertiser that he is getting value received for his money, and if every member who writes to a Journal advertiser will mention the fact that he saw the advertisement in The Journal of the National Dental Association, it will be a great help

in maintaining our prestige and extending our rates.

Already your President has been to Louisville and finds that arrangements are being made better than was thought possible. All buildings where the sessions and exhibits are to be held are within one block of the Seelbach Hotel, which is to be headquarters. This is an advantage that is rarely enjoyed by meetings of our magnitude.

Louisville is within fifty miles of the center of population of the United States, and the schedules are excellent from every quarter. Everything seems propitious for the largest meeting the National Dental Association has ever had. Great things can be accomplished by co-operation and we need yours. Will you do your part?

THOS. P. HINMAN, D. D. S.,
President.

GREENE VARDIMAN BLACK.

On Tuesday, August 31st, an event came to pass that marks the termination of an epoch in Dentistry.

The life work of Dr. Greene Vardiman Black as truly marks an age in dentistry as does that of Euclid in Mathematics, Archimedes in Mechanics, or Homer in Poetry.

At what more appropriate time could his death have occurred than during the period when the leaders of his beloved profession from all parts of the world, were gathered in session at the Panama-Pacific Dental Congress!

When the news of his passing was announced to the Congress

and those who loved him realized that they would see him no more, a spirit of sorrow pervaded the assembly. It was more than sorrow. It seemed to be a mingling of sadness, thankfulness, consecration. Sadness that he who had been a living ideal, a glorious inspiration, with whom personal association was one of the greatest privileges and pleasures of life, would never again appear in our midst: Thankfulness that so much of his great lifework had been devoted to dentistry; and that he who had labored so long and so faithfully for the benefit of humanity had gone to his great reward: A profound hope that the spirit of this great master would live on in his many disciples, imbuing them with both desire and ability to continue his labors.

To those loved ones who were privileged to associate with him daily, our sympathies go out in their bereavement; but we also rejoice with them that he whom we mourn enjoyed an earthly existence such as is granted to few mortals, for his life was full of days and of great achievements, and he died after having received all the high honors of his profession and in the merited enjoyment of the love and the veneration of all who had known him.

The prophet hath said: "Tho a man die, yet shall he live," and this is peculiarly true of Dr. Black, for while the physical body is at rest, the spirit of the man pervades every field of dental endeavor as vitally as if he were physically present.

The influence upon Dentistry of Dr. Black's lifework cannot at this