

“He took an active interest in all that concerned the dental profession; identified himself with it and gave to its advancement the best efforts of his life. Though already overburdened with business cares, he accepted the leadership of an opposition to exactions by the Goodyear Dental Vulcanite Company, which he conscientiously believed were founded on an indefensible patent. His services and sacrifices in the position which was thus almost thrust upon him should be long and gratefully remembered by the profession in whose interest he acted,—as, whether right or wrong, successful or otherwise, he was honest and earnest in his efforts in the legal contest of their claims, involving himself in personal suits for slander and ‘maintenance’ with damages laid at \$175,000.

“This brief memoir would be incomplete without a mention of his readiness to lend a helping hand to inventions and enterprises outside of his own business. He early became interested in the Harmonic Telegraph, and assisted Elisha Gray, its inventor, with the means necessary for its development. He never wavered for a moment in his faith in its ultimate success, or hesitated to furnish the required means promptly as called for. He was also a large stockholder in the American Speaking Telephone Company,—an outgrowth of the Harmonic Telegraph,—and gave much time and thought to prevent litigation about rival claims, and was largely instrumental in the adjustment and consolidation of opposing interests.

“He was a patriotic and public-spirited man,—the first in America to respond to the call of the Government for a loan in its early struggles with the rebellion. He was a humanitarian and a liberal helper in philanthropic efforts, disbursing continuously for many years with an unstinting hand in aid of charitable objects. He was a worker in the great Sanitary Fair, and one of those who subscribed five thousand dollars each towards the Centennial Exhibition. He was a member of the Union League, of the Reform Club, the Franklin Institute, the Academy of Natural Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the United States Board of Trade, and many other business and benevolent associations.

“As a man he was modest and unassuming, charitable and respectful to others, yet never forgetful of self-respect; cour-