

the unjustness of his remarks ; expecting, of course, that those journals which gave place to Mr. B's article will publish sufficient of this refutation to show their readers what foundation Mr. B. had for his reflections. In another place we will discuss the subject proper of his paper, but here we have to deal with what may be called his personalities.

In an article on amalgam,—any other would as well have served his purpose—"the expositor of the abuses of dentistry," as Mr. Bowker calls himself, says, "when I see an institution such as exists in Toronto, with the imposing title of the 'Royal College of Dental Surgeons,' encouraging the use of such a pernicious compound, and that the same may be said of the 'Dental Association of Quebec,' I think it time that the public should clearly understand the risk the patient runs by using it. The Dental Societies of Canada, who put themselves forward as the guardians and representatives of the profession in the Dominion, not only advocate, but vindicate its use." Mr. Bowker also says that it is "a practice now almost universally adopted among dentists throughout the Dominion of Canada," and that the reasons why they use it, is because it is cheap, easily introduced, "it makes up for the want of skill and ability to use something better," and also, "from ignorance, or the want of honesty." After this "the expositor" intimates that *he* does not use it in his practice, by which, of course, we are left to the inference that he is something superior to the common herd.

Mr. Bowker is not troubled with modesty. His unblushing impudence, though, is refreshing, because it is so unique, so rare. His motives, however, will be fully appreciated by our readers when we inform those of them who do not already know, that the subject of amalgam has never once been discussed in either the college or the voluntary societies, and that all clinics in filling teeth have been done with gold. Mr. B. has consistently refused to have anything to do with the dental movement in Canada ; he was never known to do as much for the progress of his profession in all his life, as any dental society in Canada has done in one hour. He is one of the Rip Van Winkle's of the Canadian profession, and his animus towards the only dental college in Canada, and our dental societies, is easily understood. If those of our readers who see Mr. B's article on amalgam, will refer to back numbers of the "American Journal of Dental Science," Dr. Parmly's letters of 1845-47, and Dr. Watt's Chemical Essays, they will appreciate the *originality* of Mr. B's