

if *the time spent* were more generally considered the basis for computing our charges, more general satisfaction would result, better work would be performed, and a higher standard among the professions to-day would be accorded to ours, than which none performs what it undertakes more successfully.

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To the Editor of the DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL :

SIR,—Are we drifting, or are we keeping well to some wisely selected course? To observe the manner in which Dentistry is regulated (?) in this Province, would lead one to infer the ruling ambition, the chief *raison d'être* to be the unlimited increment of the by no means inconsiderable army of dentists already existing in this province. I think it will be granted by anyone who has given the matter even casual consideration, that we have *too many* dentists. Here is my own little town—three dental offices, whilst one dentist could do all the work alone. From an economical point of view this is not as it ought to be. When three men offer their services where there is a demand for the services of but one, what wonder that quackery and unprofessional methods become a crying evil? The condition of things is approximating to that which would obtain were there no Dental Act upon the statute book. "There is a good thing in Dentistry," say the boys to themselves, and like good patriots, at the call to arms, the plough, the counter, the forge are each deserted for the glories and emoluments of war! The efficiency of an army does not necessarily depend upon mere numbers. Give us a band of "picked men" if the campaign is to be rendered short, sharp and decisive. We, the dentists, are moving as though devoid of ordinary intelligence. We are permitting our numbers to be increased at a rate that is out of all proportion to the increase of our population, or that of the portion which avails itself of the advantages of dentistry.

Has there been a pronounced effort on the part of the College to limit the number of fresh graduates? Has all been done that could be done under the Act?

We truly seem to be at sea, without chart or compass. Were there something of organization in the dentistry of Ontario, the dental demands of every hamlet and side-line of the Province would be known. How is it with church and political organizations? They know something of the material they have to work upon, and they accomplish something definite. Such should be the learning expected in candidates, and such the strictness of