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"DEPARTMENTAL" DENTISTRY!

Among the newest additions to the degradation of dentistry in Canada and the United States, we have to add its practice by regular licentiates in the departmental stores! Competition and over-crowding in a profession forces their meanest elements to the meanest work, precisely as it does in trade and commerce; and as there are monopolists in business who would ruin their rivals as light-heartedly as a thief would pick a pocket, so there are miserable dentists ready to hire out their personal and professional decency, in a fraternal union with barbers and butchers, under the pay and patronage of a departmental store. The splendid attitude of the *Star* and the *Saturday Night* of Toronto with respect to the commercial octopi of Yonge and King Streets should have the united support of the dental profession not only in the Queen City but in every town and village of Ontario. We have already had practical proof of the readiness of the monopolists to ruin not only every other branch of the retail business for their own aggrandizement, but to degrade the respectability of our profession. The conditions to make the practice of dentistry everywhere in Canada much more exacting and barely remunerative, already exist, by reason of circumstances which the Boards and Colleges cannot, it