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## "NOT WANTED."

With every first annual issue of the JOURNAL, we receive several compliments, and always from the same class. The publisher sends the January number free to every dentist in the Dominion and elsewhere, whose address he can obtain. It is quite amusing, yet in one sense a pitiable puerility, that the very same dentists, year after year, return the number, with the laconic inscription over their names, "Not wanted." Among our collection of curiosities of dental journalism, there is none which speaks more eloquently as to our ethical consistency, and the petty spirit of the class who do not want to have their professional meanness exposed. The many kind words from those who are not so thin-skinned and thick-skulled, is surely more than compensation. The few men who "do not want" the JOURNAL are the very men who most of all need it. We take their persistent insult to their own intelligence as a journalistic compliment. Yet we should gladly forgive their past, even if it could not be forgotten, if they realized that what they think they do not want, is exactly what they need in the worst way. They may yet be influenced by reason to admit, that doing our duty as journalists, in trying to keep them from making asses or rascals of themselves, we are doing them a fraternal, even a filial, kindness. But they are not willing to subscribe for their own reformation. And the publisher has no faith that they would reform if he even sent them the JOURNAL free.