

the cruel truth of the overcrowding of the profession. The rush into dentistry is largely due to the prevailing superstition that it is the most easily entered profession, and that young men are sure of an immediate practice. Some of our "kids," too, like to boast of the awfully busy time they have, don't you know, and that they haven't even time to collect their accounts, poor fellows. It ought to be impressed upon candidates for entrance to study that it costs more to begin the practice of dentistry than all the other professions combined. We are constantly meeting cases of the keenest impecuniosity—young men who are absolutely suffering. "Everybody has an assistant." "Every place is occupied." "I've spent all I had looking for a place to settle, and I'm as unsettled as ever." These are very common remarks to hear.

DR. R. G. McLAUGHLIN, Toronto, sends us the following item with reference to a case which, strange to say, seems to have been heedlessly passed by. The patient was in the last stages when brought to the hospital: Albert Gostic hailed from Foute's Bay, Muskoka. When he consulted a visiting physician he was suffering from a heavy swelling in right submaxillary region, which he said resulted from the extraction of a superior molar on same side some three weeks before. Jaws were closed and rigid, so it could not be discovered whether a lower molar was effected or not. Physician pronounced it a case of blood poisoning and sent him to the hospital, where he died about twenty-four hours after arriving.

WHEN we began practice we could have staked our lives that we knew all that anyone needed to know. There was no difficulty we could not solve, either by operation or by calm indifference to etiology. "The forceps is a great consolation in obscure cases." "One of the speediest ways of treating difficult cases of irregularity is to extract the teeth." The quack gets out of all his quandries by extraction. But many who are not quacks do the same. Sometimes they are not to blame. The portion of the public who dictate to the dentist, and who neither want nor take his advice, force weak men to methods which are obnoxious to them.

A WORTHY young man told us a short time ago that his environment is such that he would positively starve if he refused to extract