

interest, purely for money-making purposes, and that they are, as a rule, quite as obliging to their customers as other commercial concerns. It is not always possible, however desirable, to introduce professional ethics into the commercial atmosphere, and the question occurs, "Were professional men to give up practice and enter into purely commercial interests, would they not consult their immediate instead of their past position? would they not do the best they could to make money as manufacturers, without remembering their feeling when they were practitioners?" As to the tricks and devices of trade, and the relation of societies, journals, etc., to business concerns, we see little prospect of reformation, except by absolutely refusing manufacturers any society privileges, and treating them as very disagreeable necessities, which may be patronized at a distance, but carefully ignored in society meetings. The profession would then be the chief losers. It is a question difficult as well as delicate to discuss.

Dr. Bruce, of Melbourne, Australia, spent a short time with Dr. Herbst, and gives a description of the Herbst method of filling with glass, which, however, cannot compare with the porcelain work introduced by Dr. Land, of Detroit, and brought to Canada by Dr. Hipkins, of Toronto.

In the Report of the American Dental Association, August 5th, Dr. Pierce states that there are thirty-three dental colleges in the United States. The number of graduates during the past six years was 3,605. Dr. Pierce, speaking of the rapid multiplication of dental schools in the United States, said it "involved a question which is menacing the future prosperity of the dental profession. The results in all probability will be similar to the results attained by the medical schools of this country, which turn out annually to prey on an unsuspecting public, a number of men which largely exceeds the number of graduates in Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Austria combined! This has been carried to such an extent that the medical graduate of the United States is the laughing stock of his transatlantic *confere*. One out of every six hundred in the United States is a medical graduate!"

A good deal of space is given to the banquet to Prof. W. D. Miller—a worthy testimonial to a worthy brother. The editor, Dr. Jas. Truman, has put his heart, head and hand into the Journal.