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## What Profiteth It a Man?

We do not suppose that it ever occurs to the average reader of professional journals in Canada that if the conductors of these periodicals consulted their own selfish interests, they would retire upon their laurels and dedicate the time they give to journalism to the commercial aspect of daily existence. There is a superstition extant in this country that if a man is associated with a journal of a College or a Board of Examiners, it is of direct, as well as of collateral, financial value. Even the salaries which may accrue to professors in the schools, and the fees which the law allows to the members of the Boards, are regarded by some with envious eyes. All the time the critics overlook the fact—that not one man in fifty but finds these connections financially injurious. Moreover, there is a prevalent opinion in the mind of the general public that the dentist who keeps his nose to his grindstone is better qualified for its purpose than one who is also a lecturer, a journalist, or a member of a Board. The public does not care a fig for his ability and learning as a lecturer. The public think more of the products of his plugger than those of his pen. The public prefer that he should devote his time to examining his own deficiencies rather than those of the unfortunate students. This is not peculiar to Canada. It is not an exception that even medical men, and those connected