

endowed by public benefaction. Its practitioners enjoy many direct and collateral financial advantages unknown in the least degree to dentists. We freely admit the superior claims of medicine, and its greater importance to the public. We rejoice in the generosity of our public men towards more efficient teaching, and improved hospital service. That, however, does not in any way alter the fact, that dentistry in every way is handicapped, and that until the same public in some way endow our teaching bodies and our infirmaries, there can be no justifiable claim for free services. If our infirmaries choose voluntarily to offer such it is an act of charity which had better begin at home. If some way could be devised to obtain material for our students, it would be only just to our noble selves to demand, that if the public expect the same free service from the dentists they get from the physicians, we should be treated in the same way by public endowments.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

Dr. Chas. Brewster has sent us the following clipping, which will interest all Canadian dentists:

A CANADIAN IN THE SOUDAN.

BROCKVILLE, Ont., November 2.—A Brockvillian, in the person of Major Smythe, youngest son of Col. T. W. Smythe, formerly of Brockville, now of Dover, England, comes in for honorable mention by the Sirdar for his services at Khartoum. He was born in Brockville and left here with his father, then Capt. Smythe, of the 100th Prince of Wales Royal Canadian Rifles.

Col. Smythe was practising dentistry in Brockville, and at the time of the war between Great Britain and Russia he joined the 100th Regiment, which was raised at the time in Canada. He was a great friend of the late Dr. Chas. M. Dickinson (who succeeded Spooner), with whom Dr. Brewster studied. Dr. Brewster was very intimate with Capt. Smythe, and used to see a great deal of him, and attended his daughter, while the Major sat by gossiping and regretting that he had left dentistry. He was a first-class dentist, but had the Canadian love of military life ingrained, and when the Russian war occurred he was one of the first Canadians to do duty.