

which cost any licentiate but the members a dollar. Repeatedly, members of the Board had to leave their private practice in Montreal, and battle against the intrigues of laymen and legislators determined to destroy important provisions of the Act, protective to the very grumblers. From January to December a constant watch had to be kept on the official Gazette for applications for private bills. Imagine such a case as actually succeeded at the last session of the model Quebec legislature. A citizen applied for a private bill to enable one of his sons to enter the profession without matriculating, and condescended to give no other excuse than "for weighty reasons,"—consisting in the avowed ignorance of the said son in the branches required, and the threatened political opposition to the Premier of his extensive family! Yet we have heard some of the juvenile wisecracks of the profession declare, that had they been on the Board the Government would have shaken in its moccasins.

Being on the Board is not all that inexperienced fancy paints it. To many it would no doubt afford a splendid opportunity to realize the magnitude of their own conceit, and the fallibility of their most positive and most personal convictions. It not only means responsibility every day in the year, but a lot of real hard work and the loss of a lot of time and patience. Anyone not prepared to face the music, and to give this time and thought, has no business to accept the position. The profession have a right to expect diligence and a sense of duty, and sometimes imagine they have a right to expect perfection.

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Professional men, as a rule, need the money they earn, and have a good grievance when their patients delay payment. Every professional man must know that a dental journal in Canada cannot for a long time to come be made a paying investment, unless it becomes the advertising organ of one dealer, to the exclusion, by exorbitant rates, of rivals. This journal, like its predecessor, is perfectly independent in its management of any advertiser, or any corporation. If it is the organ of any special interest, it is that of the Canadian profession as a body.

But it is hardly fair to ask the publisher to pay the printer out of his own pocket, and then pay the publisher at the end of the year. The present issue is a specimen of what the publisher is willing to risk, in the way of illustrations, etc., if the profession act fairly in the matter of support. So far, there has been a splendid success; but a very large number have not yet practised the golden rule of doing to a publisher as they would like