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INFIRMARY PRACTICE.

So many unimpeachable proofs exist to show the abuses of hospital and infirmary practice in our Canadian cities, that one would suppose any suggestion to prevent these abuses would be welcomed. Those who are responsible for the necessary supply of clinical material for dental students have nothing personally to gain. They are far too honorable to divert the best cases to the extra advantages of their own private practice. They are interested only in obtaining enough, not an excess, of clinical work for the students, and in getting enough money out of the patients to cover the cost of materials. It is often difficult to draw the line between the "deserving poor" and the class who are able to pay something. With few exceptions, the servant-girl class have no claim whatever in our cities to the privilege of infirmaries. One who is familiar with the appearance and dress of the average patron cannot honestly affirm a belief in their inability to pay the modest fees of struggling and respectable young dentists. Only very radical measures can abate these abuses. Besides, there are hundreds of emphatically "deserving poor" among the inmates of our charitable institutions, from whom sufficient clinical work could be obtained. We were told that efforts to secure such had failed, but we failed to discover that any very general or serious efforts had been made. The perfunctory suggestion that "the