

called for, previous to the acceptance of this useful, and most adaptable appliance. More especially, since our premises admitted, that he was gifted with the requisite honor, while the third class, I contend are thankfully, far in the minority, instead of as our writer claimed the majority. Be they few or many, are but little influenced by dental engines, or any other instrument, since their crowning desire, seems to be, *to obtain* the greatest amount of cash, for the least amount of labor. And finally, since I have shown, that the two better classes of dentists are benefitted, and find the employment of the dental engine advantageous, and embracing, as they do three fourths of the profession, it must necessarily follow, that the community at large are also more satisfactorily cared for, since, that which influences the fountain head, must affect the stream, not only in its general course, but throughout its many little ripples. Of course far be it from me to say three fourths of the operations, which are now performed are successful, nor never were they, either in times past, or at the present; but I do most emphatically deny, that the engine has spread, and promoted failures, *which would not otherwise have taken place*, but owing to incompetent dentists, unprofessional and unskillful work has been executed, irrespective of dangerous instruments. As to the dentistry of to-day, I think it is far superior, to that which has been performed at any time previous. But living as we are, in such an enlightened age, where skill, and manipulative power have gained their way supreme, and have exercised their potent influences we are enabled to judge art in all its branches with an educated eye, which dentists had not so keenly cultivated in the past days, and thereby causing us to speak disparagingly of a fair filling, which fifty years ago would have been considered even excellent; and too, dentistry has now been elevated, to the rank of an honorable, and respectable profession, instead of being considered, and classed as it was, among the ordinary works of a mechanic. Again we admit our profession has since its very infancy, had men of honor, and talent, who would not for a moment be guilty of, or cherish any thoughts relative to a disreputable act, and who executed work, which was always, and ever will be a credit to them, and standing even on an equality with that which is performed now, assisted as it is with all the modern contrivances. But yet, let us fairly ask the question, how many of these brilliant lights, had we shining in those days? and we must in all candour, answer that they were both few, and far between, while to-day we have many dentists both in our own Dominion, and the neighbouring Republic,