principle is an enemy to the profession: his honour is in his pocket and his reputation will not survive.

And now, gentlemen, I must bring this paper to a close, trusting that each one of us will endeavour to uphold the conservative character and respectability of the profession. Let us have a higher conception of it than as a mere means of sustenance; let us have our ideal of excellence far beyond, to what, perhaps we can attain; being more afraid to teach than to learn, and guiding our practice by the thought from the old Chinese philosopher Confucius, "What you know, to know that you know it, and what you do not know, to allow that you do not know it, that is knowledge."

Thanking you for the attention you have paid to my very imperfect and hastily written paper, I only trust that I have, at least, not quite wasted your time.

## A LITTLE HINT.

BY W. G. B.

Several times I have been vexed with an upset of my bottle of carbolic acid, and as I use it a great deal, preparatory to putting in the gold in sensitive cavities, &c.. I always have it at hand. To prevent unpleasant results from upsets, I now simply fill a small wide-mouthed bottle with cotton wool, and pour in sufficient creasote or carbolic acid to be absorbed by the wool. There will be more than enough to wet a pledget on the point of an instrument, and not enough to be spilled in case of an upset. I think I got the idea from Professor Atkinson.

## PROCEEDINGS OF DENTAL SOCIETIES.

## QUEBEC DENTAL SOCIETY.

A regular meeting of the above society was held in Quebec city on the evening of November 8. Dr. Webster in the chair.

The annual address, as appointed, was then read and asked for publication. After which, the election of officers took place,—the elective officers of the Board requesting to be relieved from active office while holding positions on the Board.

President—II. D. Ross, Quebec. First Vice-President—J. H. Webster, Montreal. Second Vice-President—E. Lefaivre, St. Johns. Secretary—W. H. Jackson, Quebec. Treasurer—Dr. Baillargeon,