

professional *status* rank with that of any other profession in the land? Is there a more general repudiation of the old low tricks of advertising, the poking of cards into every hole and corner, the personal solicitation of patients, the "cheap Jack" traps and hotel dodges, current among Bowery dentists of New York, but utterly abhorrent to the respectable American dentist?

Competition will drive some good men to great extremes. One man advertises "reduction of *prices* to meet the times", "artificial teeth from 75 cents upwards", and some respectable men take it as a dead weight which is to upset their balance, and draw them down to the same low level. Let the respectable part of the profession treat these quacks—for quacks they make themselves—with the contempt of silence. Competition in vulgarity or dishonesty is the worst kind of competition. This greedy quackery always works its own cure, and those who practice it meet their reward in the loss of the confidence of the public, and the loss of the respect of the profession. A man can steal cash, but he cannot steal a reputation.

---

HARD TIMES IN ONTARIO.—Our Ontario friends need not feel disappointed at the lack of matter from Ontario. We have asked for matter from the Upper Province personally and by letter, until importunity is almost exhausted. Do the "hard times" affect the pen, ink and paper there?

---

DR. B. W. DAY, formerly President of the R. C. D. S. and father of the Dental reform movement in Ontario, after several years residence in Chicago, has returned to his old home in Kingston. As everywhere else in Canada, he finds the population of Dentists has increased, though the supply is more than equal to the demand.

---

SOCIETY WORK.—The hard times in Canada have had a depressing effect upon our Associations. We hope our Ontario pioneer will be well to the fore at the next meeting. Quebec intends making another desperate rally. The last three years has been marked by a falling off both in attendance and work. They were good old times in the first years of our Societies. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel again. It is stuck in the mud. "Dental Societies to the dental profession, have almost become as prayer meetings to the churches."