

may have applied to some in the past, we hope for better things of those practising in the province of Nova Scotia—at least—at the present time. We have charity for all, and feel that all will come into line, and work conscientiously as men who are worthy of the profession.

An editorial in the July number of the *Dental Journal*, headed "Quack," may be read just here :—" It is one of the curious phases of professional morality—or, rather, immorality—that, while there are men who zealously and unselfishly labor for the professional good, and a majority who desire progress, but who do not put their shoulders to the wheel, there are also a small minority of men who deliberately put themselves in the ranks of the quack, simply because they believe that honesty does not pay. For this reason, they cast aside all the decencies and ethics of professional life, exclude themselves from membership in respectable societies, and fasten the stigma of 'quack' to their reputation, trusting to the gullibility of the public for what they call success. Our Canadian cities have never yet given long life to this class of fraudulent practitioners, but on matters of medical and dental treatment the public are easily deceived. 'A lie,' says Thackeray, 'once set agoing, having the breath of life breathed into it by the father of lying, and ordered to run its diabolical little course, lives with a prodigious vitality,' etc. When a man thus deliberately blackens his own professional character and ambition, he need not wonder that respectable practitioners take him at his own value. There has never yet been a single instance on record of a truly worthy professional man using false and boasting methods of advertising. A man who resorts to this degrading system has all the instincts of a quack."

Gentlemen, brothers of the Nova Scotia Dental Association, to you we look for much. Youth is the time to train the young. Our Association is only one year old. It is fairly launched; look to it, we steer our bark well to avoid hidden shoals and untold dangers. To the young men of the profession we look for help. Put heart, soul and honest work into action, and aim to do something to redeem the past. Be up and doing; you have hearts for any fate. Leave your 'footprints on the sands of time,' that others following after may be encouraged to press on,—

"Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait."