

encroaching upon the rights and privileges, for ages looked upon as belonging solely to the medical profession.

This difficulty has been recognized by many men engaged in Dental Education, and many suggestions have been made, as to the best manner of dealing with the situation. One solution of the question suggested by a good many persons, is that all dentists should be graduates in medicine also. If those who advocate this mean that a student, in order to prepare himself to practise dentistry, must cover the work now covered by students in medicine, there is just one answer to be made, and it is this, "It can't be done". To attempt it would be a criminal waste of money and man's allotted span of life. If, on the other hand, some eclectic system could be devised, whereby certain subjects might be selected and credit given for these, in lieu of some other subjects --- well, perhaps some course might be patched up, but the physician graduating after such a course would be a very much poorer physician, and the dentist would be an infinitely poorer dentist. I am, of course, using the words "dentist" and "physician" in the present day ordinary meaning of these words.

Another suggestion frequently made, is that less time be given to the mechanical side of dentistry, that is prosthetic dentistry (in its most comprehensive sense), and that the time so saved be given to some of the so-called medical subjects. We must recognize, however, that the great majority of our dental graduates are going to be what is generally spoken of as general practitioners; and do reparative or restorative work. Will anyone say that for such men too much time is being given to the