

serious reflection and practice. He affects to pity the hard-workers, and if he has worked hard he generally denies it. If he should pass, his after remarks are not those of delighted gratitude, but of assumed contempt, and because he may have found questions easy to answer, he imagines that no harder could be asked.

The Ontario Board has an advantage over those of Quebec, Manitoba, and British Columbia. It has the numerical strength to possess a valuable teaching body to fall back upon, and it can treat students entirely upon the merit of their study and work at the school. The others are only examining and not teaching bodies, and unless their system was more elastic everybody could be plucked. We are doing very well all around as we are, but we should look forward to the removal of Provincial disabilities, and some day have a recognized Dominion degree - the D.D.S. of the University of Toronto, for instance, - which would be a professional passport to practice anywhere in the great Dominion.

Being on the Board.

It is an amusing superstition which still haunts the minds of many in the profession, that the members of the Board of Examiners, as well as the college professors, have each a big "bonanza" in their appointments. There are sensible men who know better, and who do not envy the seven workers who for a paltry fee per day, which any city operator could earn in an hour, endure the monotony of examining students; and who not only possibly receive the self-complacent contempt of some of the men they pass, but the positive and eternal ill-will of those they pluck. An experience of twenty-years' constant laboring in this direction, as well as in the organization of the politics of the profession, qualifies us to say, that the meetings of the Board cannot cost each member less than from one to three hundred dollars a year, for which they receive the munificent fee of five dollars a day for two or three days. The legal annual meetings are by no means the only drain upon a member's time. Since 1867, the services rendered to the profession by the Ontario Board have been incalculably valuable. Of course this does not exclude scores of worthy men who had no desire to be on the Board. Every man who interested himself in the objects of the Association was directly a helper. But the official members of the Boards, collectively and individually, have done and are doing important work for the profession, much against their own selfish interests, if they have any.

Even in Quebec, owing to peculiar difficulties, there were in addition to the regular meetings, about twenty important unofficial others, not one of