

more than a certain amount of work. Only a certain amount can be well done in a given time. A great deal of this cheap dentistry is necessarily badly done. No one not a fool will give ten dollars' worth for two ; but there are simple people who really think there are such philanthropists in the profession. "Cheap Jack" knows it, and he does not blush when his falsehoods are detected, not he.

Yours, R. M. T.

### WHAT IS THE USE ?

*To the Editor of DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL :*

SIR,—For twenty years you have been hammering away at quackery, and still we have quackery. What's the use?

Yours, J. T. F.

[For over eighteen hundred years men have been hammering away at sin, and still we have sin. Would you say, "What's the use?" If good men did not hammer away at sin there would be much more of it. From all appearances it is only the "hammering away" at quackery that holds it within any bounds. We shall keep up the hammering to the end, and leave our "hammer" as a legacy to our successor.—ED. D. D. J.]

### "OVERCROWDED."

*To the Editor of DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL :*

SIR,—At the last meeting of the Eastern Ontario Association at Cornwall, it was argued by some that we are not overcrowded in Ontario. Gentlemen with well-established practices, who even hire assistants to keep everything they can from younger practitioners in the same place, and who have several ways of bringing grist to their own mill, do not talk unselfishly. Now I mean no personal allusion to any one at the Cornwall meeting, as I refer directly to others who talk in the same way and with whom my recent experience may be of interest. I travelled about the province for two months, looking for a fair place to settle. When I called upon one of the gentlemen who says the profession is not overcrowded, and spoke to him about settling in his town, and not far from him, he wonderfully changed his tune. "Come along if you like, but our circumstances here are peculiar ; we are overcrowded here and our fees are low. Why don't you try ——?" Now, Mr. Editor, I'm almost decided to give this gentleman a dose of his own medicine, and if the old-settled practitioners in such a place have cut down their fees, why will they object if I cut down mine?

Yours, D.D.S., L.D.S.