

the dignity of the profession. What would your profession be to-day were it not for the fidelity of the few, who have worked hard in the past to elevate dentistry to the status of the learned professions? No better than a mere trade, or, at best, the travesty of a profession. I was giving ether in the office of one of your *confrères* one day, and I remarked that, as a young man, he had reason to be grateful to those who have laid the foundation of the profession's progress. 'Yes,' he replied, with exquisite egotism, 'but you see we weren't born then. We are making things hum now.' Blessed, perhaps, is the man who imagines, like Caius Caligula, that the world would have been better made had he been consulted."

CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, TORONTO.—Dr. I. H. Cameron, President, in his presidential address, pointed out that it was becoming more and more difficult for doctors, especially in the cities, to make a living. The disadvantages to the public by this surplus of medical men was the multiplication of specialists and the spread of quackery and humbug. Unfortunately, the public liked to be humbugged in medicine, and thus the temptation to the struggling doctor to give them what they wanted was great indeed. Yet there was no profession whose members strove so hard to be honest as the medical. One remedy for the overcrowded state of the profession was to act on the suggestion of Sir William Banks, and stiffen the entrance examination, so as to keep out the uneducated and the ill-bred. Once a man passed the entrance examination he was certain to qualify, if he was determined. He would exact from every medical student such literary training as was included in what is known in the university as the general course.

OUR quacks and quack imitators make a point of challenging the world in general, and reputable dentists in particular. They challenge us, and they challenge each other, for they lie about each other as readily as they lie about us. Each one publicly declares that he is the only genuine and unadulterated genius in the profession; that he is the author of ideas, which were old before he entered the profession; that he is the inventor of applications, which everybody else has the good sense not to use. His