

believe dentition cannot be productive of any pathological disturbances, they are, as Dr. Berry remarks, of right in the minority.

"When it shall have been proven that other physiological processes, like puberty and the cessation of the menstrual flow, are never productive of serious morbid states, then we shall give evidence to this new doctrine; but for the present it is emphatically the opinion of the vast majority of authorities, that teething is the only assignable cause of some of the diseases occurring during the dentinal epoch."

A few years since I went into a somewhat careful study of this whole subject, the results of which were published in one issue of the *Dental Cosmos*, for 1893, page 1301, and while it would be too much to ask you to reprint that paper in full, as it is pretty long, yet I should be glad if you would call it to the attention of the readers of your JOURNAL, that those who are interested may examine the authorities there given.

Yours, very truly,

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[It is a well-known fact, that editors are not responsible for the opinions of correspondents. In our November issue there appeared a stray bit of manuscript on "Teething," from one of our junior correspondents, which was published anonymously, because part of the article was lost in transmission, and our friend accepted responsibility of publication as it stood. We took the liberty of mailing Dr. Butler's letter to our correspondent, who has asked us to say, that his object was, not to deny that pathological results sometimes follow dentition, but to insist that the process which is purely physiological, is often held responsible for mistakes in diagnosis. He distinctly declared that "teething is frequently associated with pathological effects, that serious symptoms may be present;" but that all cases of infantile pathology, such as "inflammation of all the external and internal organs, the brain and its membranes, the air-passages, the lungs, etc., as also vomiting, diarrhoea, dysentery, etc., are not infallibly the result of teething." Our correspondent maintains that there is "no difference of opinion between him and Dr. Butler," unless it be that he cannot accept the statement that "teething is the only assignable cause of some of the diseases occurring during the dentinal epoch. Just such causes commonly occur long after dentition is completed."—ED. D. D. J.]

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To The Editor of DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL:

SIR,—Much thought is being exercised regarding "Quackery"; yes, much of it abounds. Some think that the term means advertising. Does it? Then the largest portion of our calling are more or less in it, and have been from the earliest.