

cessors did not use. They not only do not want to wait to win their spurs, but they feel so pressed by the procession that they are bound to get on, even if they forfeit their honor and lose the spurs they may have won. Men do not forget their manners, when at a wicket they have to wait for one or two who are before them. But when there is a mob waiting, they must jostle and hustle. And so when our embryonic licentiate gazes upon the crowd of practitioners ahead, and thinks of the coming crowd behind, the evils of overcrowding impel him to serious thought, as to whether he shall advertise sensationally with pictures of grinning ballet girls to catch the public eye, or use only ethical and professional means to make himself known.

THE last few years has been marked in the Province of Quebec by a sad degeneracy in the ethical position of the profession. There have been good reasons for the retirement, in disgust, of men who had experience. These reasons these gentlemen have charitably kept to themselves. There has been, too, a passion on the part of some of the younger generation to wear spurs they did not earn, and to occupy official positions at a very critical time, for which they had neither fitness nor experience, and a glorious muddle has been occasioned which will need tact and sacrifice to remove. It must be apparent to the cool heads in our ranks that matters have gone from bad to worse, and that unless there is a spirit of conciliation, and a resolute determination to put only the best men in office, both on the Board and the College, the near future will continue to be one of rash venture, reckless extravagance, and serious loss. It is impossible, perhaps, to expect any respect for decency and order among a few notorious disturbers of peace and prosperity, but the members generally desire speedy and sure reformation. It is our common interest, as well as that of the public. We trust that every licentiate in Quebec will make it his personal business to be present at the September meeting in Montreal, and that there will be an end to cliquism.

TWENTY years ago, in the *Canada Journal of Dental Science*, we accused some of the dental colleges over the border of fraud in granting diplomas, also of quack methods of attracting patients. A number of leading American dentists are busy repeating the charge to-day. Some of our friends got unnecessarily excited, and accused us of "attacking American institutions because they were American." The puerility of such a charge was apparent. But if there's anything rotten in the State of Illinois, or anywhere else, respecting dental education, any honest-meaning man who puts in his oar ought to get a welcome rather than a rebuff. It would have been better if the Augean stable had been cleansed twenty years ago. However, better now than never.