

D.D.S. instead of L.D.S., was successfully opposed by the leading reformers of the time. The opportunities to obtain American degrees on the same terms as they were received by our worthy friends, were certainly not wanting to Canadians, and in many cases they were secured. But, to assume that the degree of M.D.S., granted by State Boards twenty-five years ago, in consideration of being in actual practice several years, and after such examination as to literary knowledge as Boards at that remote period thought necessary; to assume that the degree of D.D.S., granted about the same time in one session, to gentlemen who curiously continued their practice with an occasional run down to Philadelphia to attend the College in session; to assume that other degrees, conferred after a somewhat desultory course of study, not one of them under conditions which were even tolerated in Canadian education since dentistry or medicine were organized as professions; to assume that such a travesty of education qualifies the possessors of these degrees to swagger in insolent superiority over men *who could have had them on the same terms*, but who despised them, is an assumption of huge proportions, something akin to the resolution of the other "superior" people in the Western States, who "Resolved that the elect shall inherit the earth. We are the elect."

To sum up, the possession of the degree of D.D.S., obtained twenty-five or thirty years ago, is no proof whatever of superior training, as the training was most deficient. We do not believe it inspired one man to become a better dentist than he would have been if he had never seen the inside of a college. It did no more for him than an honorary degree. The man himself deserved whatever praise was due to his skill or talents. To-day, under the *ægis* of the National Association of Dental Faculties, the D.D.S. is a degree to be respected. We do not think that this journal merits the abuse it has received from the editor of the *Dental Practitioner and Advertiser*, for alluding to facts in connection with the education of the past, in which Canadian dentists, who have contributed their proportion to American colleges in recent years, are as much interested as our facetious and friendly contemporary. The object honest men should have in going to a dental school is to get knowledge, not a bit of parchment.

Head-rests.

Several times we have editorially drawn attention to the uncomfortable head-rests of our modern dental chairs; but we perhaps overlooked a dangerous condition of the necessary parts of a dental chair, which ought to be guarded against. A few weeks ago a physician mentioned to us the fact, that he had several patients who had contracted ringworm by contact with a dentist's chair. A curious coincidence occurred in the cases of two other