

and wisdom in the softened shadows than we ever found in the glare of the sun, may sometimes wonder why young men are not as eager to seek the advice of experience in regard to morals and ethics, as they are to get it in regard to methods of practice. They who hungrily sit at the feet of professorial Gamaliels, think that on questions of morals and ethics they are fully competent to act for themselves. We have no hesitation in saying of the staff of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, that the moral and ethical example presented to the students has been an eminently praiseworthy feature. The boys may think it a hardship that they cannot smoke in the college buildings. Any experienced lover of the weed, even those who may enjoy their pipe as their best friend, will tell the boys that it would be much better for their health and pockets if they would not smoke at all—while they are students. We need not emphasize the infernal evil of permitting intoxicating liquor at college dinners or entertainments. To the credit of the Ontario school this curse of "civilization" has never once invaded the walls or the welcomes of Alma Mater. Students who frequent the saloons ought to think of their anxious parents, as well as the stain upon their own honor, and dread the first temptation as they would dread the very devil personified. We believe in frolic and fun, and the jolly rough-and-tumble of youthful feeling, and we swear by out-door sports; but we do not want hell or the devil in any of them, and there is no hell on earth so wooing and so likely to lead young men astray as the saloon. Who wants graduates of the saloons for dentists? No matter how skilful a young man may be in his profession, who wants to trust a soaker? Moral asceticism is one of the best additions to any collegiate curriculum. We have reason, as a rule, to feel pride in "our boys" in Canada, and our only object in these remarks is sincerely their happiness and prosperity.

DEBTORS TO THE PROFESSION.

There is too prevalent an opinion among a large number of our dentists, that if they pay their annual dues they cease to be debtors to the profession. Complaints are made that some men force themselves into official life, and are bound to stick there in spite of proof of their incapacity. Those who complain may be prejudiced, and may not know the difficulties of the position. On the other hand, if they "know it all," is it not their duty to come into the open, or, as the boys say, "have it out?"

We know men in every province eminently fitted by superior knowledge and tact to occupy official positions, yet who hold