

must see the importance of taking even more than a regular monthly interest in the DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL. There should be, I feel, a rule in our college, that every student will be supplied with it regularly during his course. It is the young men we want to guide and guard, and no text book teaches them professional ethics. Our profession in Canada owes a vast deal to the efforts of the JOURNAL.

Yours, etc.,

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MEDICAL MEN AS QUACK DENTISTS.

To the Editor of DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL:

SIR,—The remark you made that, if the medical profession would appreciate fully, and apply intelligently the knowledge possessed by dentists, which would be of direct and collateral benefit to hundreds of other patients, dentistry would not be overcrowded, has just received another striking illustration in my practice, and it is only one of hundreds which occurred in my experience. You will remember the case of irregularity caused by thumb-sucking, for Miss M., which you had in hand for several months, and which deformity was reduced to a perfectly regular arch. Upon removal to this village you confided her to my care. The retaining plate was continued, as the cuspids were not developed when she left you—the intention being either to remove the less important first bicuspid on either side, or make room otherwise laterally for the development of the valuable cuspids, for the extraction of which there was, and rarely can be any excuse. About a month ago the patient came and showed me that the cuspids had appeared in the usual irregular place outside of the arch—the laterals and first bicuspids being almost in contact. I instructed her to return in another month and I would continue the necessary regulating to bring them into line.

One of the village physicians, who boasts of the number of teeth he extracts, and who keeps them on exhibition in his office as a temptation to patients to patronize him instead of the dentist (!) got hold of the girl, and unknown to her parents or myself induced her to let him extract these two cuspids, notwithstanding the fact that he knew she had been under the hands of two dentists, for the purpose of regulating them! Such ignorance, and such a breach of professional courtesy should be exposed. It is high time that physicians should abandon the mean and unscientific business of extracting teeth for the sake of the paltry fee. It is quite time, too, that they should condescend to inform themselves of the functional importance of their preservation, and the frequent serious consequences of their diseases.

Yours, etc.,

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