

Personal.

"Is Dr. Relyea still living?" an old friend wrote us. "Living?" Well, rather, and as he writes, walks and works as actively as he did when he lived in Belleville twenty years ago, he is very alive, and as he wrote us, "It is better to be young at eighty than old at forty." There is a moral in that remark for young men in our ranks.

DR. S. J. ANDRES did good and faithful service for the Dental College of the Province of Quebec, but has been obliged to retire from the position of Honorary Superintendent. Dr. L. J. B. Lablanc replaces him. Dr. Andres was presented by the students with a handsome walking cane, and an address. He will always have the affection of the boys, and the warmest good wishes of his confreres.

COATING CASTS FOR VULCANITE WORK.—A plan has recently been suggested for this, but as it was invested with a certain amount of ambiguity, we have been at some trouble to find out what was meant, and how to make the preparation, for the benefit of our readers. Procure a quarter of an ounce of "collodion," add to this three-quarters of an ounce of sulphuric ether, so as to thin the collodion down, and pour into the bottle containing these a package of "silver gloss." Silver gloss is a preparation of tin and zinc, and may be obtained of all dealers in paints, oils, putty and other materials for house painting. Though called silver gloss, it contains no silver. It comes put up in papers of an ounce or more, in the form of an impalpable powder. It unites, to a certain extent, with the collodion, when shaken, and is applied to the face of the plaster cast, as well as to the reverse of the investment in a case flaked for vulcanite work, with a camel's hair pencil, leaving a very even and thin film over these which effectually prevents the adhesion of the vulcanite to the plaster, permitting the case to come from the flask clean. The silver gloss may be had at a slight expense enough to last for a year or more with ordinary use. It should be kept in a well-corked bottle, and the pencil cleaned after use. Should particles of it adhere to the plate it can be entirely eaten off by immersion in a bath of nitric acid and water—one-quarter acid, three-quarters water; but this we have not found necessary, as it comes from the flask clean.—*Dent. Office and Lab.*

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