

degree. Like medical students they are apt to throw aside the text-books of the first two years which are used in the universities. In relation to dentistry proper, this is impossible to one who wishes to keep well informed. The practitioner who expects to make old editions and old education serve his purpose, must expect to drop out of the march of professional progress. Our dental literature is a daily post-graduate course. It pays intellectually and financially to keep fresh with the times. Many who would not retain an obsolete method in practice, stick to obsolete teachers.

The practising dentist owes it to himself and his patients to keep posted on theory as well as practice. The publishers who at great expense supply our profession with its literature should get a good return for their enterprise, and we trust that the new year will infuse new aspirations in this direction into every province of Canada. A fairly complete dental library ought to be one of the useful ornaments of every dental office.

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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE next annual meeting of the Vermont State Dental Society will be held in Rutland, Vt., next March, 16th, 17th, 18th. We propose to give a full report of the proceedings.

THE bound volumes of the DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL are a valuable adjunct to any Canadian dentist's library.

WE reiterate our advice—carefully read the advertisements and keep up with the times.

YOUNG theologians have a panacea of their own for sin: they start into their first pulpit with the conviction that the devil is now to get his due, and the law and the prophets their true interpretation. One of our young divine friends worried himself for the first year of his pastorate to confirm his conviction that there is no devil; forgetting that the souls of his flock would not be a penny the worse or better for proof positive one way or the other. We have asked many of our readers to give us any advice or suggestion for the better conduct of the DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL. Much of it has been valuable, and has been acted upon. Some of it is impracticable; some impossible; but it was agreeably received all the same. One new graduate has asked us to publish his ideas on the subject. They may be thought Quixotic, but they are not half as deserving of the reproach as many ideas of our own. It is easy to formulate brilliant plans on paper, but when the vulgar questions of paying the printer and other such trifling obligations are taken into account, the romance of the projects disappear like a