

drug. The writer has found it useful in checking the discharge and in improving other symptoms in chronic cases. No bad effects are caused excepting a slight burning sensation after the application.—*British Medical Journal, June 17th.*

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CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL FACULTIES OF AMERICA.

To all who feel any concern in American educational matters, or in American professional affairs, the annual meetings to be held at Niagara this summer must prove of the greatest possible interest. It is probable that grave questions, more profoundly affecting the welfare of dentistry, will be discussed, and it is hoped settled at that time, than have ever been raised in American dental meetings. The far-reaching subjects that loudly demand consideration concern not America alone, but Europe as well. If dentistry is ever to become a profession in fact as well as in name; if it is ever to occupy the position to which advanced men believe it to be entitled, the professional status and tone in both continents must be brought somewhere near the same level. The future welfare of mankind demands there should be some common understanding of professional affairs.

The first dental school was established in America, and for many years the only institutions for professional training were confined to this country. The dental doctor's degree is even now peculiar to American dental schools. For many years, through their excellent practical training, they made American dentistry a synonym for the highest practical efficiency. Then for a time our schools lost ground, and their fair fame became tarnished through the misconduct of some of them, and the criminal laxness of the laws in certain of the states, which permitted the incorporation of fraudulent colleges that sold their doubtful honors abroad and at home, or granted them *in absentia*. It was not until the organization of the National Association of Dental Faculties that any concerted and determined effort to restore the tone of American dental colleges was made, or any practical attempt to bring them to a higher plane, and to force the fraudulent institutions out of existence.

As the natural consequence of the loose methods and legislation of the past, the reputation of the schools that were doing