

down all efforts to save the natural teeth, was a missionary of mighty peace and enduring comfort. Not a day passed that the conservative practitioner did not meet this class, and business left him because he would not extract teeth wholesale. At the end of the year he decided to leave the unsavory pastures and find a better field. One of the resident clergymen came to see him. "I'm told, doctor, that you are going to leave us? May I ask the reason?" "Yes," replied the dentist. "For the first six months I told the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, to my patients, and I nearly starved. For the last six months I have told them anything but the truth. I've trebled my income, but I'm nearly choked. The dentist who can make lying a profession is the sort of a man to succeed here." And he left.

REFERRING to the anonymous circular signed "Several Dentists," sent last September to the licentiates of Quebec, a friend informs us, that a report was circulated that the editor of this Journal was one of its authors. It is sufficient for the purpose to say, that we have not the remotest idea of its origin, directly or indirectly, or of the identity of any one of the "several" dentists. We have felt obliged upon several occasions to expose quackery, but we never hit even a quack under the belt; and we assure our foes, as well as our friends, that if we ever think it necessary to express our opinion about the conduct of any one, we will neither stab them in the back, or travel, abroad to make our local grievances before strangers.

THE testimonial presented to Dr. J. B. Willmott, Dean of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, by the class of the "Practitioners' Course," was in every sense well deserved. In spite of many difficulties, Dr. Willmott has enjoyed the confidence of the better thinking men of the profession of Ontario, who, fortunately, comprise by far the largest number, and he and his "olive leaf" Walter, are entitled to much gratitude. It is pleasant to witness such fraternity.

REFERRING to the competition of the cheaper dental colleges in the United States, Dr. J. L. Williams, editor of *The Dentist*, says, "The best thing that could happen in the interests of dentistry in the United States, would be the destruction of two-thirds of the dental colleges, and the reduction of the number of graduates turned out in about the same proportion, and there are a few wise men over there who see this clearly enough."

THERE is a good deal of unnecessary sentimentalism about enforcing the Act. Why one part of it should be enforced and not another, has been excused upon the plea that some parts are too