

## Question Drawer.

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### QUESTIONS.

Q. 38.—May abnormal conditions of the eye result from dental practice?

Q. 39.—Does an operator use both eyes at once? If not, which one?

Q. 40.—Is any ill effect likely to result from operating with artificial light, as electric, etc.?

Q. 41.—Explain the blue line on the gums, as the result of the introduction of lead into the system.

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## Correspondence.

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### SHOULD A DENTIST SMOKE?

*To the Editor of DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL:*

SIR,—When I was at college in Philadelphia, our Dean used to advise the boys not to smoke; said it would injure practice as well as health. Well, we found out that he was quite a smoker himself. I think myself the use of tobacco ought to be forbidden students.

Yours, F. C. MURRAY.

[The Dean, no doubt, meant the boys to do as he advised, not as he did. There are many good and godly men who smoke; there are many mighty mean rascals who do not. To forbid students smoking in the college or in the office is proper; but how would you propose to enforce the rule in their own rooms? When laws are made too oppressive to one's liberty out of bounds, they are generally better followed in the breach than the observance. "Stolen sweets are always sweeter."—ED. D. D. J.]

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### OVERCROWDED.

*To the Editor of DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL:*

SIR,—When is the overcrowding of the profession to stop? It is a fact that we are all working at high pressure for less than half the fees our predecessors got, and they took life easy. It is common to find dentists open now until ten o'clock at night, and there are some who work on Sundays. One pair of hands cannot do