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“ASSISTANTS” AGAIN.

In the August issue we referred editorially to the case of the unregistered assistants, who, by various ways, have got into the offices of some dentists, and who are as illegally in their positions as their employers would be if they had no license. Rapidly following this article, two licentiates of the Province of Quebec circulated for signatures a cunningly-worded petition to the Local Legislature, asking the right to hire assistants who may be graduates from any dental college without the usual requirements of the law. The sudden interest these parties took in the profession might have been easily suspected to be entirely selfish; but, as the signers assert, the facts were so misrepresented by the petitioners that the former were deceived. We are not in the habit of making personal allusion to ourselves; but, on this occasion, it happened that we found ourselves placed in a very embarrassing position. On the petition appeared eleven names of the staff of the Quebec College. Instead of suggesting the resignation of these gentlemen, and believing that they had been grossly deceived, we resigned our own position. The letter elsewhere will speak for itself. The matter is published here just to show the profession in Canada everywhere that they must constantly be on the *qui vive* for insidious attacks. It goes to show, too, the importance of unity in our ranks. We are sure some of the parties who signed the petition, and who did not remove their names, would not care to have them published in this journal or in the public press. Sometimes a good man gets into questionable company, and it happens that in this instance a few of the signers of the petition have been