

would be doing good work to appoint a committee of resident dentists in Toronto, to canvass the graduating class each year and try and induce them to join our association, and subscribe to our code of ethics. If this could be successfully done, I think the conscientious dentist would be less often filled with disgust, by seeing in many papers advertisements claiming exclusive knowledge of some wonderful drug that does every possible and a great many impossible things, from restoring a necrotic pulp to vitality, to developing new teeth in an edentulous jaw like mushrooms springing from a hot-bed, or claiming the special control of some mechanical device that renders their work superior to that of everyone else. Such knowledge and such skill is apt to discourage the more modest dentists, because they will occasionally find that specifics fail, and that special mechanical appliances sometimes require just a little alteration to meet their case in hand. More especially are they likely to be discouraged when they remember that these men of prodigious secrets and marvelous appliances neither distinguished themselves during their college course, nor followed habits of life after entering upon active practice that would indicate either studious or scientific investigation, and then suddenly hear them announce that they have made a great discovery that they possess a secret drug that performs miracles.

Discouraged, indeed, they might well be if these men were the brains of the profession and the skilful manipulators of its many intricate and difficult operations, and appropriately they might exclaim with Dogberry, "Oh! that I had been writ down an ass." But let them take courage, and opposite this superior, secret and exclusive knowledge write QUACK in big capitals, and let them remember that the *materia medica* is the property of every intelligent dentist, and that the physiological, therapeutical, and toxical actions of its various substances are thoroughly investigated and recorded by men who are not so exclusive with the secrets their investigations reveal. One needs but read the best medical and dental journals of to-day to feel assured that the most careful and scientific investigators freely and fully give their investigations to those less qualified by opportunity or ability to investigate for themselves. There you find reliable reports of experiments with all kinds of drugs that are specific in their character. There, too, you become acquainted with the latest theories, and methods of treatment based thereon. Bacterio pathology is fully discussed, and there you learn about psycho-therapeutics or hypnotic suggestion as a sedative and obtundant. There you will even find scientific men, thinking it for the benefit of less informed and more credulous to analyze and put before them the composition of these secret preparations, showing that they are well-known drugs simply clouded in secrecy and palmed off as new discoveries by unscrupu-