upon any really meritorious and original device. It is the taking out of patents upon trivial modifications, too often the securing of them upon devices and methods as old as dentistry itself, against which practitioners protest. One feels outraged when a claim is made for royalty upon and damages for use of some device which he has employed for many years, but for the essential point of which some dental pirate has secured a patent in secrecy and by stealth. Such claims are scarcely worth contesting, for it is usually cheaper to pay the amount than to fee lawyers. The inventions of Dr. Bonwill do not belong to this class, and all will rejoice that he has received a fair reward for the time and labor spent in perfecting them."

Just so. To repeat: "Members of societies who depart from the code have no right to complain if they are forced to conform to them, or forced to retire. But it seems to us that an inventive genius merits some substantial reward for the labors of a lifetime. How shall we encourage this, and yet keep such men in our societies?" Surely the editor of the *Advertiser* does not want to "encourage them with a club." The question cannot stand that way. We need all the inventive talent we can keep in our societies. The litigation of the International Tooth Crown Company *vs.* Edward S. Gaylord *et al.*, recently decided in the Supreme Court of the United States, against the Company, though it did not practically affect us in Canada, was watched with deep interest, and the result is rejoiced in by the profession in Canada. We can have no sympathy with such fraudulent actions. But there is no analogy between the Company and the individual cases which prompted our remarks.

From many sides we have received sensible letters, thanking Dr. Johnson for his plain talk in our last number. There are some dry bones in all the Provinces that need to be stirred. It is a particular cause for regret that the able papers read by Dr. Johnson could not be produced in this journal, because our worthy contemporary the *Dental Review*, of Chicago, had a prior claim. We would advise our readers to get the August and September issues. 66 Madison St., Chicago.