

our American cousins as foreign dentists. The License of Ontario and Quebec is recognized as qualifying for registration. The register is divided into three classes; 1st, dentists in Great Britain and Ireland engaged in practice at the passing of the act; 2nd, Colonial Dentists; 3rd, Foreign Dentists. The Registrar's address is W. J. C. Miller, Medical Council Office, 315 Oxford Street, London W. England, who will give all particulars required. A number of Canadian Dentists have already registered.

INSTRUCTING THE PUBLIC.—A subscriber has sent us a little pamphlet taken largely from the standard works upon dentistry, and which contains Goodsir's old theory of dental development. The dental germ is now known to be contemporaneous with the enamel germ, and by reference to the *later* editions of our standard works, our friend could have seen his mistake.

However, the point which we wish to make in alluding to the pamphlet is that which was announced in the first number of this Journal issued, and which has been consistently adhered to ever since, viz., that these pamphlets are objectionable if they are imposed upon the public as original, and used to advertise one dentist exclusively. As far back as 1868, we urged special means of instructing the public by introducing questions and answers in school books, by anonymous pamphlets, impersonal contributions in the press, public and private lectures, etc. We believe that the Quebec Board propose issuing a short form of instruction to be inserted in our school books. There can be no objection to dentists enlightening the public on dental questions, provided they do not plagiarize, or assume as their own, matter they have copied from text-books. It is very easy to instruct the public, and any legitimate means ought to be encouraged. Of course one ought to avoid any personal allusions, or personal advertisement, which would savor of self-praise. The small wits of our press would find therein food for weak wit, and the motives, perhaps quite disinterested might be misjudged.

If it is legitimate for Dr. Jones to lecture before the public on the Eye, why is it not proper for Mr. Brown, Dentist, to lecture on the Teeth? Let us all have as much scope as possible to instruct the public decently and professionally.