

## Editorial.

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### Wanted, more Original Communications.

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We have seven provinces in Canada, and seven dental organizations, and there is no reason but that of absolute laziness why we should not have a steady stream of original communications flowing in two directions, from Halifax and Vancouver. This journal has no fault to find on the score of subscribers in Canada and the border States, as well as elsewhere; but it is a shame that we have so many able pens that are so indifferent to the duty they owe to our own dental literature. With many it is a sensitiveness to personal criticism. They can avoid that if they wish by writing impersonally. Our college graduates seem to have largely subsided into silence. We should be glad to hear more from them. Then we have a large number of first-rate men whose experience of twenty years' or more practice is better than all the books. If we could afford it, we would like nothing better in the interest of the journal than visiting every dentist from Halifax to Vancouver, taking notes of new ideas. It would be a feast of reason.

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### Questions and Answers.

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In the January number Dr. R. E. Sparks, of Kingston, Ont., will kindly begin the editorship of a department of "Questions and Answers." All correspondence in this department should be sent directly to him. It is desirable to use brevity both in asking and answering questions, and the busy man—we have none other in dentistry—who cannot make time to write a longer article ought to be able to find time to write a post card.

The following queries have been received, to which we hope answers will be sent before the 25th of the present month:

*Ques. 1.*—How would you take an impression of lower maxillary, very flat ridge; muscles risen almost to surface; hypersecretion of saliva?

*Ques. 2.*—Explain difference of cohesiveness and discoloration as occurring in one or two sheets, or in pellets, of same book or bottle?

*Ques. 3.*—When, where and how would you trim models for full upper dentures?