

## Correspondence.

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### "EDUCATED" QUACKS.

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*To the Editor of DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL :*

SIR,—You are merciless upon quackery, and quite right. We are cursed by the ignorant pretenders. But let me tell you that the worst offenders, and the men who deserve the most severe condemnation, are not those who are ignorant pretenders and open quacks, but more than one fairly well educated licentiate and doctor of dental surgery I could name. Some of them cunningly make a great splurge in the public press, they "go the whole hog," and then when they are cut off by the printers who cannot get their money, they pretend to turn over a new leaf, and think they can deceive us by their mock respectability. They only want the means to pay for their advertisements to repeat their quack methods. I hope that our societies will be careful not to receive such men in their midst. Some have got in under false pretences already, and I hope they will be expelled. They have no consideration for us. Why should we have any respect for them.

Yours, etc.,

OTTAWA.

### OUR POSITION AS A PROFESSION.

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*To the Editor of DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL :*

SIR,—There is an important work which only a Canadian journal can do for Canadian dentists, and which has been done by ours, to my knowledge, with unvarying consistency ever since was issued the first number of the *Canada Journal of Dental Science* in June, 1868. In that issue the late Dr. C. S. Chittenden, of Hamilton, one of the pioneers of the profession in Ontario, contributed an article condemning all sorts of quackery in dentistry, and you adopted the principle of a high standard of ethical as well as scientific aspiration, that our profession should be respected by the public as a recognized ally of the healing art. Apart from the scientific aspect of journalism, a great deal had to be done to suggest and assist the organization of the profession; to educate many in the proper and professional lines of conduct. No doubt we owe a great debt to these efforts in our Canadian journal; and more than ever, when over-competition has tempted so many to resort to the baser methods of getting practice, a fresh demand is made for your lead again towards professional respectability. No foreign journal could afford the space to do this for us, and I am sure that every thinking dentist of any respectability in Canada