

"special" hospitals, I feel sure that dental hospitals cannot be open to objection. One peculiar feature is that the actual treatment of patients is mainly carried out, as a matter of routine, by students. I am informed that after a special preparatory stage, the student is entrusted with the charge of patients, under the supervision of the surgical staff. At the close of the curriculum, when the student presents himself at the Royal College of Surgeons for examination, he has performed all the operations he may expect to meet with during his professional career. Thus the patient and the student render mutual aid, for the former has the advantage of receiving the benefit of skilled treatment. As president of the hospital, it will give me satisfaction to know that the same good results are continued in the future. I must not omit to refer to the munificent action of the Dowager Lady Howard de Walden. It is due to her generous interest in the beneficial work carried on by this institution for the last thirty years, that we are able to meet in this handsome building to-day. I have had an opportunity of seeing the excellent arrangements now brought to completion, and I heartily trust that nothing may interfere with the successful attainment of the ends in view, namely, the alleviation of dental troubles amongst the suffering poor, and the education of a race of future dental surgeons who may do honor to the special branch of surgery to which they will belong. I have now much pleasure in declaring this new building of the National Dental Hospital open for the useful purpose for which it has been erected."

The Prince then left the hall, and proceeding to the entrance of the new buildings, unveiled two tablets, one of which refers to the gift of the building by the Dowager Lady Howard de Walden, and the other to the visit of His Royal Highness. The proceedings then terminated.—*The Journal of the British Dental Association.*

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To the Editor of the DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL :

SIR,—I have a very warm feeling of respect for the editor of the *Dental Practitioner and Advertiser*, of Buffalo; but I cannot discover what we Canadians have done to rouse his ire on the subject of education.

There are a great many men who get credit for being great men, chiefly upon their own declarations; and I think if we had more bounce in Canada, or more self-assertion, we would be more respected—by some people. I do not mean to apply this to your contemporary; but it is generally the case in the United States, that they