

definite policy of education, which, carried out, would enable the public to discriminate between deserving and undeserving practitioners.

The public is fairly well educated to the claims and necessities of law and medicine. This is greatly due to the already extensive popular medical literature and to the frequent public lectures on medical subjects. The public, by getting an idea of the extent and difficulties of the subject, soon place confidence in and value upon the practitioners of that branch.

Popular dental literature is very restricted. It consists mostly of ephemeral pamphlets published by private individuals.

What is required is a systematic popular propaganda of dental education. This work should have the authority of the Dental Association, and be strictly non-advertising, except, of course, for the profession at large.

The great need of dental inspection in the public schools should also be emphasized. That children's teeth should be in good order is fully as important as that they should be vaccinated. Non-vaccination invites but one disease; bad mastication invites hundreds.

It is said that the profession is overcrowded. There is work for twice as many if fifty per cent. of our people paid proper attention to their teeth. The present supply of dentists is up to the demand for services. The supply of dentists is on the increase. We cannot restrict this supply, but we can increase the demand by educating the people to their necessities. One man cannot do this, nor can two, nor even half a dozen, but a combined effort on the part of the whole profession in Ontario can accomplish wonders in a very short time.

Once the public becomes fully aware of its importance, attainments and objects, there will be no question of the status of dentistry in the professions.

Abstracts.

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To neutralize nitrate of silver when accidentally applied to soft tissue, use common table salt.

FOR sterilizing cavities before filling, wash with antiseptic pyrozone, which is also an excellent bleaching agent. Always use a rubber dam and neutralize with ammonia or solution of bicarbonate of soda.