

compish the desired end as the efforts of the impostor Mohamet to move the mountain. We believe in severe measures for criminals out of jail as well as convicts inside, and have little sympathy with the principle of elevating or converting arrant dental quacks by any other means than that of legislative rigour judiciously and firmly applied. Too cunning to meet us face to face in our Associations, they are sure to be brought to terms by just such means as are now within the jurisdiction of the Board of Examiners of Ontario and Quebec. The objects of dental legislation must surely commend them to every intelligent citizen who believes that if it is proper to protect society from imposition in matters of trade and business, of which they know something, and can use their own judgment, it is even more proper and necessary, in matters of which they are ignorant. There are few intelligent persons who are not aware of human disfigurement and in some cases destruction of life, possible by dental quackery, working as its professors do on the human body, and daily using deadly poisons such as arsenic, morphia &c., and having full liberty to administer dangerous anaesthetics, a few inhalations of which to one of unsound constitution, have in many cases caused immediate death. Is the protection of one's pocket of more account in the eyes of the law, than health, and life itself?

A couple of papers in Montreal, the editors of which are something like two dogs howling at the moon, one begins and the other takes up the strain, recently undertook to censure the Quebec Board of Examiners and condemn the principle of dental incorporation *in toto*. Upon inquiry we found that a notorious quack had pulled the wires, and had actually made them both believe black to be white. Such dodges were tried in Ontario, and with every other resource the Ontario quacks could muster, but the phalanx of earnest men who fought for legislation there, bore down all before them; and the malcontents had a fate something like that of the Black Mousquetaire, who

"Who went down with a groan and a frown,
And a hole in his small clothes the size of a crown."

The Ontario malcontents were ten times more numerous than those in Quebec. Not a respectable dentist sympathizes or sides with either. The moral is clear.

While we are sure that the Quebec Board will use their powers judiciously, and endeavour to meet the respective merits and circumstances of applicants for license, we are also sure there will be no