

WE often receive newspapers from friendly correspondents containing somewhere something they want us to know. They should be marked, as we rarely know who they are from, and we have little time to hunt them over to find out what is intended for our benefit.

ONE of our oldest practitioners thinks that some of the questions asked by enquirers are trifling. "Queries" is meant for the limitations of the inexperienced, as well as for the experience of the wise. If those who know it all would help those who do not, Dr. Sparks would have no space left for those who know so little that they are not ashamed to ask for advice.

SEVERAL of our well-known confreres have died recently; some of them under tragic circumstances. That is all we can say, for that is all we know. It should be easy for a dentist in each locality to send us such personal items, verified under his own signature. But it is not possible for an editor unaided to keep track of the births, marriages, deaths and divorces in the profession.

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WE miss the personality of our friend Dr. J. Ed. Line, in the disappearance of the *Odontographic Journal*, of Rochester, N.Y. Keeness of competition brought the spicy quarterly "over the Falls" with the Rochester Dental Company. The best part of it, its late editor, whose wisdom and wit inspired it, is, however, very much alive, and we hope he may not forget that we have a brotherly regard for the productions of his pen.

TOO many clergymen and churches of all creeds; too many convents and monasteries and charitable(?) societies; too many hospitals or too much abuse of them; too many physicians, lawyers, dentists, school teachers and civil engineers; too much "higher education," too many B.A.'s and M.A.'s, many of whom