

press quackery, have had exactly the reverse effect. The quack is freer to go and come to-day, than your most cultured professional man. Suppose we prove that? At the present moment an old practitioner is intending to leave the north because his health demands a warmer climate. He probably will settle in Texas, *if he can remember enough of what he learned at college to pass the Texas Board.* He has a chance to dispose of his practice to a widely-known dentist in New England. *It all depends upon the success of the latter with the New York State Board.* Thus the real professional men are hampered, or else confined to practice in one State. How with Mr. Quack? In January he opens a place of business in New York. In February he starts a branch in Philadelphia. In March he opens another in Boston, and in May he begins business in Chicago. He passes *none* of the State Board examinations. Why? *Because he is not practicing dentistry, he is only doing business.* His staff of operators are the professional quacks, the poor devils whom the colleges have turned out as dentists, and who have been licensed by the State Boards. He can find dozens of such men in every large city. Consequently his sphere of action is limited only by his capacity for managing a concern with many branches. In short, the quack is merely a man of business, taking advantage of the opportunity which the wise men in the dental ranks have afforded them by enacting laws, which enable them to run shops, in which all the operators have been declared legally qualified. He may not be a dentist at all.

Of this class there are hundreds—and more start in business every year.—DR. OTTOLENGUI, *Editorial Items of Interest.*

WHY do the advertising dentists commonly adopt some such name as the "New York Dental Parlors?" This query suggests a line of thought replete with possibilities. In these days of civilization medical attendance of the highest class is afforded to the poor. Hospitals exist in all communities which reach the dignity of being classed among the cities. In metropolitan centers hospitals and infirmaries are numerous, and the medical men who give their services are usually the most skilled practitioners in the communities. These facts are tacitly admitted and are well known to laymen, and especially to those who can afford to pay high fees for service. The highest praise which could be given to any physician reached my ears yesterday. An Irish woman pleaded for assistance in paying her rent, explaining that her husband was in the hospital having his eyes attended. "And do you know Doctor X.?" asked she. "Indade, now, he's the foine jintilman. Do ye know, he attinded my old man with the same tinderness as if we were quality folks, payin twinty dollars an hour."

THAT the common people have come to know that the highest skill is obtainable in institutions, explains why advertising dentists