

especially to the sort of talk which sometimes makes our gatherings unpleasant and unprofitable. The very presence of these honest men, even if they are silent, is influential. It is not the active men in the societies who always do the best service. Most of them do the best they can, and many of them would gladly serve rather than rule. There are a large number of dentists from Newfoundland to British Columbia, who should try the experiment of using their pens, even if they are shy of using their tongues. The amount of unwritten practical material of value in the possession of these quiet practitioners is incalculable.

THE DEGREE OF D.D.S. IN QUEBEC.

We have only space to state, that an honorable compromise for affiliation of the Dental Collège of the Province of Quebec to the University of Bishop's College, has been made, for the purpose of obtaining the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. The French University of Laval was not prepared to offer affiliation upon any terms. McGill offered to pitchfork to the profession a valueless and meaningless title, with inferior social and professional relations, which a body of hostlers would not accept. The affiliation with Bishop's will meet the requirements of the dentists fully. We shall give further particulars in our next issue.

TO PREVENT VOMITING AFTER THE USE OF CHLOROFORM.

The *New York Medical Journal* comments editorially upon the method adopted by M. Lewin (*Revue de Chirurgie*) to prevent vomiting after chloroform amæsthesia. In 125 cases there was complete success, in forty-nine there was slight vomiting. M. Lewin considers it very dangerous to use pure chloroform, and recommends that it should contain a certain quantity of alcohol, which renders its decomposition during narcosis more difficult. The method of application consists in saturating a small towel with vinegar, placing it on the patient's face, over the mask, which is afterwards carefully withdrawn, care being taken not to allow the air to gain access to the face too suddenly, for it ought to pass through the small towel before being inhaled. The cloth must be kept on for three hours at least; if removed too soon nausea will set in. Fresh towels thus saturated may be put over the first one