

the Act. Why should any one be allowed to practise dentistry "without hire, gain or hope of reward," unless qualified to do so? No druggist can dispense poison unless he is licensed.

IN OUR MOTHER-LAND. On the 22nd of last July, the Dental act, whereby Dentists of the Great Britain and Ireland secure legal recognition and a professional status became law. After August of the present year it will prevent unqualified men from entering the profession. In conjunction with this we find the existing connection with the Royal College of Surgeons, the Board of Examiners for the Diploma in Dental Surgery of the College; the Dental Hospital of London and Medical School, the courses of Dental Lectures and the appointment of Dental Surgeons in the various Medical Hospitals of London, etc., the National Dental Hospital and College, the Liverpool Dental Hospital, various Dental Dispensaries and Dental Hospital throughout the Kingdom; such Societies as the Odontological Society of Great Britain; the Odonto-chirurgical Society of Scotland; the Students Society of the Dental Hospital of London; the Diploma in Dental Surgery obtained from the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, &c. One can see from the character of the papers read before the Societies: the absence of wild speculations; the close alliance with medicine and surgery, at least a higher standard of education than has yet been hinted at on this continent. We do not believe it is possible at present for our American cousins to make such a curriculum compulsory as is required to obtain the diploma in Dental Surgery from the R. C. S. of England. Of late years a great deal of time and labor has been devoted to improving the professional standing of the profession, but the solid work of education has been going on without brag or ostentation, and those who get English diplomas go through a course of no ordinary character, both as to preliminary and final examination. British dentistry lacks a good deal in the operative and practical direction; but this is improving every day. Its standard of educational requirement at least, has no rival.

The Act passed last July, compels registration before the first of August of this year, and gives a privilege of "practising dentistry in any part of Her Majesty's Dominions." Of course this is an error so far as Ontario and Quebec are concerned, as our local legislation in this matter has precedence of legislation in England. Any Dentist anywhere can register before the first of August. This is surely more than democratic. The fee is £5, Dentists in Canada can be registered as colonial dentists;