

moreover, they will perform all this and much more for fees that are beyond comprehension for cheapness.

Yet so despicable in their meanness are these same men that they will not reveal these wondrous secrets of success to us their brethren. Being young my experience is limited, but it has not been too short to make the acquaintance of some of the experts of the profession and see some of their best efforts. It is beyond doubt that even these experts do occasionally fail, do even give pain sometimes and cannot conscientiously guarantee any work for even three days. One of the most skilful dentists in America has told me this in almost the same words. And further, these experts cannot afford to give their services for an office boy's wages. Those who advertise infallibility, painlessness, best material and workmanship "at rock-bottom prices," are merely liars seeking to gull the public.

They probably give the best material they can afford and the best workmanship of which they are capable, but neither, in the eyes of an expert, are cheap at half the money. The Cheap John knows how little his services are worth and charges accordingly. He is not to blame for he is the creature of his circumstances, nor can we hope to reform him, for he is without the incentive to self-advancement. He is also morally wanting, for he will appropriate to himself the processes and preparations that some reputable man has spent twenty years in perfecting, and this abominable parasite will next door, perhaps, parade them at half price, thus robbing the reputable man of his well-deserved reward.

Who is to blame for the existence of the charlatan? Who makes dentists? The School of Dentistry. Who founded the School? The College. Who constitutes the College? The profession at large. That means you and it means me and all of us. We, in fact, are to be blamed for our own degradation. Since quacks cannot be cured they must be prevented. Dentistry is one of the protected professions, and apart from the right of any class to protection, dentistry seems likely to be protected for some time.

Let us get what benefit we can from this protection while it lasts, for its days are perhaps numbered. The ultimate downfall of class legislation seems inevitable, then will it be re-introduced in a viler form—mass legislation. Class legislation has abuses, but mass legislation has not one redeeming feature. The profession of dentistry is in Ontario represented by the Royal College with its regulations and examiners. It is within the power of the college to pronounce upon the fitness or unfitness of a candidate. Let them do their duty and quackery will be stopped at the fountain-head. They cannot do that duty unless backed up by the solid sentiment of the profession. At present anyone may become a member of our profession if he can pay certain fees and