

done in this direction. Legislation to regulate the profession in this country is a new feature, the propriety of which has been called in question by many. It has been often objected that it is in opposition to the genius of our free institutions. A more mistaken idea, however, could hardly be entertained. The object of such laws, as it should be in all legislation, is simply the restraining and abatement of that which is injurious and wrong, and the encouragement and fostering of that which is right and productive of good. It is preposterous to assume that any one has the right and should have the liberty to do that, for the faithful performance of which he is incompetent, and emphatically is this so, when the health and welfare of a fellow being is involved.

The law in Ohio has been in existence about nine months, and though only partially operative, and the time is yet too short to make any kind of a test of its efficiency, yet enough is already manifestly apparent, to indicate that it will be eminently efficient for good, though the law is, to a large extent, inoperative for four years to come. A number of cases could be referred to in which incompetent quackish pretenders, have abandoned their business altogether, or gone to other States, where they could legitimately prey upon their unsuspecting victims.

We hope the profession in our neighboring States will keep these gentry moving till they are in the "last ditch." *The Dental Register.*

EXAMINATIONS IN OHIO.

On the 1st and 2d of December, the State Board of Dental Examiners held a session at Columbus, for the examination of those who might present themselves, that their qualifications to properly practice in the Dental profession might be testified to by that Board. A work of this kind is no easy matter—to bring out in clear view the measure of the professional attainments of those with whom the committee would necessarily be but slightly acquainted. The examination of the office or college student is a very easy affair, compared with the work of this committee. The preceptor, if he is faithful, knows the weak and the strong points of his pupil, and the pupil knows something, perhaps much, of the method of procedure of his preceptor.

In the examinations of practitioners of experience, it is not proper