

familiar to the dentist, that we have abandoned all surprise at its continuance. The confounding of diseases in the mouth, which have everything to do with diseased teeth, with oral diseases, which have neither direct nor collateral connection with the teeth, is so common as to suggest either the superciliousness of ignorance, or simply an unwillingness to learn anything from dental experience, more than the extraction of a stump or the manufacture of a plate.

Perhaps it is largely our own fault, and we have no doubt that we have all to suffer for the degradation of the profession ethically by the "parlor dentists."

In another part of this issue we reprint from the *British Medical Journal* an article by Dr. Wm. Hunter, of London, Eng., which is entitled to respect. We cannot complain of the indifference of medical men in Great Britain and Ireland to the diseases of the mouth. We are repeatedly under obligations to their intelligent assistance, and cannot record one instance of pompous pretence at superiority, concerning matters wherein inexperience must keep men ignorant. The dentist is consulted many scores of times in the diseases relating to the oral cavity, and diagnosis in the mouth is not confined to the tongue.

With regard to Dr. Hunter's remarks on cases of bridge-work, we are in full sympathy. The business is not only carried to excess, and a great deal of very bad work done, but at best it is impossible to attain scrupulous cleanliness, while predisposing conditions to diseases are established by the very presence of unremovable contrivances. Those who have had little experience, and those who refuse to learn by experience, will in time come to the same conclusion as those who not only have long experience, but who look and think beyond the merely mechanical artizanship, which seems to be the crowning ambition in these achievements.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

ONE of our young friends told us recently, with some pardonable pride, that as soon as he opened his office in a city in the Province of Quebec, where he was a perfect stranger, and without resorting to any of the advertiser's tricks of trade, he quickly acquired a large practice. It is an experience which many of us have "enjoyed," and which elated our souls beyond measure, until its hollowness later on was revealed. Our young friend had a little capital in the bank, which he invested in neat furnishings,