

THE *Post-Graduate*, in commenting on the prosperity of quacks, says: "The fact is, that the United States of America are not yet sufficiently civilized for the daily newspaper to have a real appreciation of what the profession of medicine does know and does not know. In other words the average reporter, and possibly the average editor, still believes in clairvoyants, the seventh son of the seventh son, the bone setter, and the healer who neglects the barber and cultivates the sublime art of curing disease which does not exist." We have repeatedly drawn attention to the use made by quacks of the press, and various suggestions have been offered as to the best means of exposing them. The Provincial societies, we repeat, should devise some plan which the members could carry out in their own localities. The public is not responsible for its ignorance of dentistry. The dentists themselves are largely responsible for this ignorance. The popular belief—it is not a superstition—that the "parlor" advertiser is able to do all he advertises, is perfectly natural. What are respectable dentists doing in their own communities?

THE meeting in Toronto this month should be made social as well as scientific; political as well as practical. We are in the very thick of questions touching the sentimental as well as the serious burdens of our professional lives. Men talk for a twelve-month, and worry for years about present and impending difficulties, who are curiously silent when they meet upon the only occasions when they can be discussed. Men who stiffen their "backbone," and mean to have it out on the question of ethics, become as bland as cooing doves, and as pliant as mollusca. There is no need for angry words, which only defeat their object. There is no reason why any licentiate, animated by respect for himself and his profession, should not inquire as to the present or prospective difficulties.

THE general public have not now an exaggerated idea of the dignity of the dental profession. They have of that of the other professions. The juxtaposition of the Hair Dresser and the Dentist in John Eaton's departmental store in Toronto is an object lesson in professional dignity, is it not? They should take down the thin partition and hug each other.

"THE overcrowding of the professions;" "the abuses of hospital practice." Such are the leading subjects of discussion in the London, (Eng.) medical journals.

ONE of our quack-method advertisers had his card dropped into the book-racks of all the pews in several churches of Montreal!