

There is just this difference between a thief and an illegal dental practitioner—the former finds the law against theft personally inconvenient, the latter against illegal practice, but the latter is as much a law-breaker as the thief. Society needs educating upon this point. If our efforts are to succeed in protecting the public from the imposture and mendacity of the few men in and out of our ranks who thrive by open lying, the licentiates who are not on the Boards have plenty of work to do. It is as necessary to watch and punish one quack as one thief. If thieving is made easy, the number of thieves will increase. It is only the fear of punishment that saves society from swarms of rascals. If the penal clauses of our dental Acts are not enforced when the opportunity offers, the temptation to defy them will grow.

Expulsion from the local societies, personal as well as professional ostracism from any sort of personal or professional intercourse, should be the treatment meted out to quacks. When men despise the common decencies of professional life, and make fraudulent boasts of superiority, while other dentists know they are inferior, and are not personally able to do what they boast about, why should respectable dentists voluntarily degrade themselves to their level, by recognizing them in the office, or even in the street? A drunkard may be pitied. A dentist who acts the quack ought to be shunned like a pickpocket.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Associations.

We regret that we have to defer the report of the first annual meetings of the above sister associations until the next issue, when Dr. Cogswell's paper on "Dental Ethics" will also appear. The reports were not received until this number was almost completed.

Dr. W. C. Barrett in Harness Again.

Everybody who knows Dr. Barrett will feel like congratulating the Chicago Dental College and the *Dental Advertiser*. The College has secured his services on its staff for a course of lectures on "Comparative Dental Anatomy." The *Advertiser* has just announced that it has secured him for its editor. The profession will reap the benefit.