

OLD-FASHIONED.

We suppose there are many enthusiastic practitioners who think that a man might better be out of the profession than out of the fashion. Most of us who have passed the meridian of practice can remember the hey-day of its beginning, when we started to set the St. Lawrence and Lake Ontario on fire, and with a loftiness of gall perfectly sublime looked down upon the old practitioner, whose experience we did not condescend to count. It would be almost a pity were it otherwise. We should lose so many refreshing illustrations of that happy daring, which carries better men than only the fools, to shove aside the timid angels. It is better for a young man to make an ass of himself as early as possible in his professional career than ape a modesty which is only pride, and write himself down a donkey when his friends felt sure he had passed the *Pons Asinorum*.

SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Ontario Province has the best system of common school education in the world. One of the results has been that the professions have had a special attraction for the well-educated sons of farmers and country merchants, and many of these boys have risen to distinction in every profession, as well as in the political arena. Dentistry has been peculiarly favored by the large number of former school teachers who have entered its ranks. No class could be more desirable, and we look to them as prominent in every phase of educational and ethical progress.

THE Ontario Board of Directors do not examine, but appoint examiners, and do not appoint themselves. Nor, as a rule, do they appoint members of the teaching staff. In the case of Technique and Comparative Dental Anatomy they have appointed the teachers, as there are no others so familiar with the course as given in the college. In appointing examiners, the Board selects graduates who were well up in their subject when they passed, and have since had some years' experience in practice.