

Dentistry is peculiar in this respect—we have so many more sham men in it. Law, medicine, architecture, civil engineering have been more fortunate in attracting a better class, and there is something in these professions which keeps a mean man from getting practice. It is not so in dentistry, and I am sorry to say that it is not alone the quacks who resort to questionable means.

There are many compensating advantages in Canada for whatever disadvantages we possess; but the ignorance and indifference of the people, as a rule, to the importance of scientific treatment of their teeth, handicaps the honest and experienced practitioner. The material development of the country needs capital; but the intellectual development needs only an intelligent press. The suggestion of L.D.S. in a late issue to use the press *impersonally* to inform the public of the value of the teeth, is wise and practicable; but I would add to that, the idea of giving to the extracts the authoritative seal of the Associations. As matters are, the profession is sadly overcrowded. Scores of young men are being educated for dentistry who are doomed to disappointment. It is better for those youths to stop now, and think, "What am I to do? Where am I to go?" I must confess, that a long experience carries my memory back to far more disappointed than successful dentists. It would be a blessing, equally to the public and the profession, if, for the next five years, there was not another dentist added to our number.

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CLEAN OUR SKIRTS.

To the Editor of DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL:

SIR,—At the next general meeting of the profession, would it not be wise and timely to discuss plainly the ethical position of dentistry in Ontario, and try and devise some means to enlighten the public on the present mischievous and quackish use made of the public press by the gutter dentists? As you remarked in the January issue, the press is chiefly the friend of the advertisers, and unless we resort to the use of the press, we cannot get even with those who use it. Would it not pay the association to keep in the press a standing "Public Warning," officially signed, exposing the unreliable character and in many instances, the deliberate falsehoods of the offenders against dental ethics? Inserted as the official expression of the Provincial Association, which has done so much to elevate dentistry in Ontario, and even supported by the official expression of the College, and even, if possible, the authorities of the University to which we are affiliated, it would be a rebuke far