

Foreign Diplomas in Great Britain.

It is a common observation that nowhere in the world have foreigners more liberty, both civil and religious, than in old England. Occasionally some malicious boor who construes this word into the privilege of spitting, smoking, and generally misbehaving wherever he may desire, sends forth to the world his impressions of the old sod as the most down-trodden land on the face of the earth; but no people have been more just and generous in their judgments, more fair or frank in their estimate of the British character, than American writers and travellers.

Some—not all—of our contemporaries over the border, however, seem unable dispassionately to discuss the action of the General Medical Council in revoking the privilege heretofore awarded certain foreign dental colleges, while refusing any similar favor to foreign medical schools. The worthy editor of the *Review* makes it a personally national matter, and heads one of his recent editorials, "No American need apply."

It was always a mystery to us why the Council was so invidious as to discriminate in favor of two of the American schools against others which were equally reputable, especially when the Council was well aware when the choice was made that not even the two favored came up to the required standard. It looked like favoritism, yet we do not see, in spite of the inconsistencies exhibited, that the action of the Council was specially against American colleges. It happened to be brought about by reason of the preference given in the past to two American schools; but it is possible to reason the matter coolly, and accept it in the spirit of justice to the British student and practitioner, who certainly have the first claim to consideration, otherwise it imposes a penalty upon the Briton, and holds forth a premium to foreign education.

It may surprise our American cousins to know that we Canadian dentists have no recognition whatever in the old home, and this in spite of the fact that in two of the provinces our matriculation is fully up to the standard required; and that for over twenty years we have had precisely the same system of indentured apprenticeship of four years of twelve months each year, with compulsory attendance upon Anatomy (theoretical and practical), Physiology and