

or at least seldom resorted to in early life, and the dentist who gives sound advice and comes to the aid of nature be regarded as a greater benefactor than the man who comes to destroy the natural teeth in order to substitute artificial ones. Respectfully yours,

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EDITORIAL.

TWO OBSTACLES IN THE WAY.

There are two classes of persons practising dentistry, who do much harm to the cause of progress—the dentist of respectable position, who holds aloof from professional intercourse, and the veritable quack. To reason either from the error of his way is a difficult task, though the power now held by the Dental Board of Examiners in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, is sufficient, if firmly and judiciously applied, to restrain to a great extent, if not utterly to destroy, the full swing and audacity of the quack. The excuses for non-intercourse made by the other obstacle to progress, are always trifling and absurd. One has personal objections to certain parties connected with the Association, or the Board; another thinks the organization not select enough, too miscellaneous; another thinks his feelings were not sufficiently consulted in the organization; and so on, *ad infinitum*. Now, what could ever be accomplished if we tried to meet such objections? Is it not most unreasonable to suppose that they could be met to the satisfaction of all concerned? Why should private piques enter into such movements; why should the devil not have his due; when would we have had Associations, Incorporation, a Journal, &c., if their origin and success had waited for, and depended upon large numbers? We put it to the calm good sense of dentists of good standing, who continue to ignore the dental movement in Canada and beseech them to unite with the brethren, heart and hand, and give all these progressive efforts their cordial encouragement.

What tribes of dental quacks there are all over the world, who might so much easier be honest men, and far better dentists. In the present state of the profession, we must extend the helping hand to any poor or ignorant operator, who is doing his best, without bluster or falsehood, to make a respectable living. We must put him on the