

ships," etc., offered *ad libitum*, and the generally accepted belief that the degree of D.D.S. is an assured condition of attendance at such and such a school. Even universities under State charters, have stooped to the undignified position of truckling to that element in the dental profession who are affected with "big head," and who verily believe their clay to be a sort of which the Creator had very little to spare. The Sancho Panzas of dentistry who "think themselves fit for government," and who are the first themselves to discover it, are not disposed to bide their time and win their spurs in service. In choosing a school organized from purely factious opposition, a student reveals his own character—that it is not education he yearns for as much as for a title or tail to his name. In a visit we paid several years ago to Chicago, we were struck with this fact, from the very personal appearance of the students in a college under the government of the National Association of Dental Faculties, and one which did not seek that distinction. The latter recalled very forcibly experiences of the average dental college twenty-five years ago.

It is much wiser for a student to make sacrifices to attend the very best school than to receive the highest "honors" an inferior one has to bestow. If the student is poor and ambitious, it is all the more reason why he should endeavor to avail himself of the best. He had better wear a threadbare coat all his life than turn out a gowned fraud. It is no mystery why there are students who positively prefer to attend a cheap and inferior school. It is as clear as noonday. It is no mystery why disappointed people, who over-estimate their own abilities, oppose established colleges, and foment discord. It is as easily understood as the bite of the mad dog.

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### Doctors, Dentists and Druggists.

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They are a drug in the market. You find them in every hole and corner, especially in our cities, many of them having all the evidence externally of hard times. In Quebec, it is the ambition of the *habitant*, who perhaps can neither read nor write, to make some of his sons priests, doctors or lawyers. It seems to us that this thing is overdone in Canada, especially in Ontario and Quebec. It is only by raising the standard that it can be restrained. Unfortunately, however, there seems to be a factious desire to cheapen education. We fully expect to see our profession reduced again to the ranks of the peddling "tooth-carpenter."

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There was nothing but the diminished tail of that "same old herring" to be discovered in the last issue of the *Dental Practitioner and Advertiser*. *Requiescat in pace.*