

low fees, who has been properly educated, either at college or by private preceptors, and who does the very best in his power for his patients. We find no fault with men who commenced the practice of dentistry at a time when there was no legislation and no association, and who, perhaps, now do honor to the profession. Let by-gones be by-gones ; but let the whole profession *now* unite cordially to raise the standard of study and practice, and to demand from the public a just recognition of our claims. With respect to fees, they will find opposition at first to any increase of price, but if they have the ability to do superior work, and can show the patients the difference between it and inferior work, there will be sufficient appreciation in the majority of cases to pay a reasonable price.

In almost every city office reputed for remarkably low charges, and extensive bombast, one may see at any time from ten to twenty persons waiting their turn to have their teeth treated ; and the "perfect experts," as the operators like to advertise themselves, think nothing of filling from one to three cavities for each of the ten or twenty in a single afternoon ! Now, if we educate the public in those principles of dentistry which will enable them to know the bad from the good, the honest from the dishonest, in the course of time there will be less discouragement to faithful workmanship, and we will receive a better equivalent for our labor. In almost every case, we will find a low rate of charges to be associated with inferior talent and inferior work. We would like to know a single dentist of any repute among his confreres—who, after all, are the best judges—who inserts artificial sets for ten and fifteen dollars, and fills with gold for fifty cents.

To sum up, dentistry in Canada is very inadequately remunerated ; that is, where one endeavours to use for his patients the very best talents and skill he possesses, which has been cultivated and trained by years of steady studentship and faithful practice. If the Canadian public desire a responsible, educated and properly qualified class of men to take charge of their teeth, it must appreciate skilful work, and pay remunerative prices. If, on the other hand, it desires the dental profession to be principally composed of quacks, and their services to be incompetently rendered, they have only to continue patronizing the "cheap dentists." Cheap dentistry is a poor speculation, because no dentist worthy of the name, can afford to work for either love or fame alone. Not to mince the matter, he must have fair prices for honest work.

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