

why sensible men throw aside the literature of their calling, or perhaps leave their journals unopened, can only be explained by the fact that they either purposely ignore them, or are too busy otherwise. Dentists, as a rule, have their noses close and constantly to the grindstone of daily toil. They must have diversion of thought and work. They have often fair excuses for neither reading nor writing; but the habit of neglect is strengthened by neglect, just as that of reading and writing becomes easy by practice. Men who imagine they only need to think and not to read are the men who discover mare's nests. We would have larger gatherings at our conventions if there were more reading in the profession.

DENTAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN CANADA.

We invite special attention to the meeting of the Western Canada Dental Society, to be held in Winnipeg July 20th and 21st. The Society is intended to embrace the profession from the Great Lakes to the Rocky Mountains. Our collaborateur, Dr. McInnis, has been thinking and working for a long time to attain the success of this new-born, and we trust that as many as possible of the more eastern dentists will make an effort to be at the meeting. Of course it is fully expected that every dentist between the Great Lakes and the Rockies will be present, and become members. The growth and the protection of the profession demand this.

Editorial Notes.

AN old and experienced dentist, going through the larger cities, made the following observations, which we take the liberty of publishing: "I notice that you have the same epidemic of assertion and presumption among a class of young practitioners with which we are afflicted in the States. Our colleges teach dentistry all right, perhaps. I guess they give the boys a great deal of good practical teaching, but it puzzles me to understand why they seem to succeed in giving them, too, a good deal more pure and un-