

CANADIAN DENTAL JOURNALISM.

A BIT PERSONAL.

Twenty-seven years ago, we ventured to issue as a monthly the first number of the first dental journal in Canada. With becoming modesty, it is not out of place to say that it has done some service to the Canadian profession, which a foreign journal could not as well accomplish. Its editor has been in the swim of most of the Provincial organizations, and has unceasingly kept in touch with their political as well as their scientific progress. Necessarily, the politics of dentistry must engage a great deal of one's thought. The social, and indeed the scientific unity of the profession, must be founded and perpetuated upon a solid ethical basis. From the first issue of the *Canada Journal of Dental Science* to the present number of this journal, we have never swerved in the least degree from the ethical and educational principles first announced. It has made us some enemies, who are the enemies of all dentists who are ethical, and whose enmity we prefer to their friendship. It has made us a host of firm friends and helpers, whose frequent differences of opinion we respect, and whose criticism we gratefully receive. The JOURNAL is the organ of the profession in Canada. If its editor has hit hard blows at quackery and quack methods, it was done only on behalf of the profession and the public. If he has erred in many ways, as no doubt he has, it only goes to show that an editor is but human. One has not to apologize for that.

ONCE upon a time there were two well-deserved slurs against the Canadian dentists, the gravamen of which was, that they were not a reading profession, and that they had no such unity of purpose as our enterprising brethren over the border. It is still a reproach to some extent, that the travellers for our dental depots meet quite a number who either boast of their independence of such aids to knowledge, or for various reasons, object to adding to their expenses the paltry cost of one or more dental journals!

WE have received letters from several parties who say they are "personally insulted" because of our remarks about quack advertising. We take it as a personal compliment that we have succeeded in making these people feel sore. It would be still more complimentary if we could succeed in making them ashamed. Some of the foolish young fellows who took fright and sailed in for quack advertising, are, we know, ashamed of the policy into which they were led. But there are several congenital skallywags who could blush no more than an elephant.