

insert a vulcanite plate, with thin piano-wire retainers, pressing gently against the obtrusive tooth. The vulcanite might occupy the space of the lost tooth, and should be cut away from time to time to accommodate the erupting tooth. Many an unsightly irregularity can in this simple way be prevented. A treatise might be written on the mechanical prevention of extreme irregularities. Some of the most interesting and successful cases in our practice were begun before the roots of the teeth which were moved were fully completed. In fact, the success of several noted cases was only made possible because the regulating was begun as early as the ninth year.

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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

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WHEN dental journalism was first attempted in Canada (1869) it met three sorts of reception. There were about twenty-five practicing dentists in the whole Dominion who welcomed the venture by practical co-operation. There were about a hundred dolorous Cassandras who advised abandonment and predicted failure, and so certain were they of their opinion that they received the *Canadian Journal of Dental Science* for four years every month, and have never to this day paid a cent of the subscription. There were a few who did some service to ruin it. After it had appeared regularly for two years it absolutely leaped into favor, and we often enjoyed the fun of withholding it from delinquents, until they'd write indignant at the delay of a journal for which they had not paid. Of the three classes none gave us such insight into human nature as the class who never said a good word or did a kind deed for the bantling, and yet who never said an unkind word or did an unkind deed. The type is represented commonly in official life. Men of this class get into office. When not in office they might as well have been unborn for all the use they were to the profession. They meant no harm and did no harm, but they lived in the serenity of pure selfishness. But in office they gape with wonder that there are dentists who do as they did. They seek applause, and find criticism—or indifference. Never having helped their predecessors, they expect help. Cassandra is not yet dead.

WITH this number of a new volume, we take the opportunity of thanking the members of our staff, and our correspondents, for their valuable co-operation during the past year. There is no money in it for anybody, the publisher included, and if each one consulted his own private interests, everybody would cease their connection. It is generally recognized that few, if any, medical or dental journals "pay" enough to justify a business man's investment, unless collateral use is made of them for manu-