

critical, is the very meanest kind of hypocrisy. It is never difficult to define a true gentleman. It should be no more difficult to define an honest dentist. If the public knew the true inwardness of the quack advertiser they would avoid him like a plague. The public do not want to be cheated. They do not want to run risks of infection. But the public are traditionally credulous, and ready to believe falsehoods, just as they are ready to swallow loudly advertised concoctions of the medical quack. "Educate the public!" If the prestige of university cities, like Toronto and Montreal, has no educational influence against perambulating medical quacks; if the medical profession, with all its political and professional influence sit dazed before the unblushing Munyons, etc., how is the much less influential profession of dentistry to do better? We have discussed this subject continuously for many years in our Canadian journalism. The JOURNAL only reaches the dentists. Will the wise men, who so glibly let the suggestion "educate the public!" roll off their tongues and pens, come down from the clouds in which they soar and give us something practical. We know that the JOURNAL has done its duty to the profession. How are we to do our duty to the public?

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### THE "OVERCROWDED" QUESTION.

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There will naturally be differences of opinion among perfectly honest men, as to whether or not the practice of dentistry is overcrowded in Ontario and Quebec. There are perfectly sincere men who declare that the statement in the affirmative is a baseless dream. But there are others quite as honest, who possess exceptional opportunities for knowing the facts, and whose convictions being strengthened, feel it their duty to be perfectly frank. There are personal reasons why it is not possible to be as definite. Some of us come into special contact with many experiences which confirm our convictions. An editor has the frequently uncomfortable position of a constant touch on the pulse of the profession, and receives scores of confidences which do not make it necessary for him to draw either upon his imagination or his presumption