

## Annotations.

We urge the profession to make its political influence felt a little more. Votes are great persuaders, and the civility the average candidate pays to combined votes and influences ought not to be overlooked by our profession. There is no reason why some of our members should not sacrifice themselves, as fully as other people do, in the interests of the public. We have many really brilliant politicians in Ontario, and a few in Quebec, who could extract the fangs of boodlism if they got into parliament, relieve the pangs of public complaint, and serve the country and the profession with honor. We regret that we cannot suggest nominations, for the seven provinces, but it might be made quite an interesting attraction to do so, at the various annual meetings. In old Quebec, we have Dr. J. A. Bazin, of Montreal, whom we think eminently fitted for such service; and a hereditary young politician in Quebec city, Dr. H. Scott Ives, a nephew of the Hon. Mr. Ives. When Scott gets into the Local Legislature, he will pull the pillars of parliament about the heads of the legislators, if they continue the periodical attacks on the established rights of the profession.

We are always very loath in any way to extol the merits of new remedies before they have had long and successful test. It is especially embarrassing sometimes to do this, even where the tests have been made, as there was a foolish superstition in the profession that it was altogether unethical for a physician or dentist to make his own preparations, and yet, the trick of substitution in pharmacy has repeatedly proved that pharmacists are not always reliable. Other facts, too, justify men in doing in this direction what they believe cannot be as well done by others. It is true, Koch and Pasteur, after manufacturing their preparations handed them over to the medical profession, but it is not always wise. Dr. Ievers, of Quebec city, has for over eleven years had such invariable success with his preparation, referred to on another page, that he had little trouble to persuade many of his colleagues to experiment in the same direction, and the general consensus of professional opinion has been decidedly in its favor. It is not only a duty we owe ourselves to use any safe and sure method of quickly alleviating pain, but to place within the reach of our patients knowledge of the best dentifrices, mouth-washes, tooth brushes and simple remedies for those emergencies which arise in the best-regulated families. From personal experience, and the unanimous experience of Dr. Ievers' confreres in Quebec city and Montreal, we have no hesitation in recommending the preparation, not only as an invaluable addition to dental therapy, but as a family friend in emergencies where one cannot at once reach the dentist.