

the blood (page 358), and says that, like antimony and phosphorus, it has "a special action on tissue change," and that it is used "for its local action on the intestinal canal *as a tonic*," and "as a tonic in cases of nervous disease."

Dr. H. C. Wood, in his "Therapeutics," page 505 (the greatest authority in the United States), says: "When arsenic is administered in small repeated doses, it may act *as a tonic* . . . and in certain cachexias it increases the muscular strength and the general vigor. The history of arsenic-eating indicates that the drug has some positive tonic influences over nutrition." (!!)

"Gorgas' Dental Medicine" is our text-book. What does it say? Page 143: "Arsenious acid in large doses is a virulent, irritant poison; but in doses of one-sixtieth to one-twelfth of a grain, properly administered, *is a tonic*, increasing the appetite and improving the secretions, both in quality and quantity." (!)

I could quote dozens of authorities. I ask your opinion on other answers enclosed, which were disputed, to show that some of the examiners themselves were grossly ignorant of the subjects, and even of the answers to their own questions! And it is before such men that we have to submit our prospects of practice!

Other circumstances of partiality are so clear that, for my part, I am ready to appeal to the profession as a body, and would not fear to bring the matter before the courts.

Yours, etc.,

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[We withhold our remarks on this subject at present.—Ed. D. D. J.]

Editorial.

New Boys and Old.

The practical dentist who was born since the *regime* of rubber is perhaps ignorant of the personal skill that was required in the older days, when prosthetic dentistry was confined to the metals. We were lately examining some cases on gold and platinum, made over forty years ago by the older practitioners of Toronto and Montreal, and an expert crown-and-bridge worker remarked as he handled them, "I had no conception that such work could be done. Such beautiful jointing of fourteen gum teeth, such banding, lining, soldering, and finishing, and with the rude implements used in those days, surprises me." At the same time we were shown a lot of single and double crowns, partial plates, and various contri-