

DEATH OF DR. B. N. CATCHING.

Everybody did not know Dr. Catching in person, but everybody knew the author of Catching's "Compendium of Practical Dentistry" and the editor of the *Southern Dental Journal*. Personally we never met the Doctor, but for several years we had a lively correspondence on questions of political as well as professional interest. On the 23rd of last November, he was seized with apoplexy, and died almost immediately. The Doctor was one of the most prominent men in the profession, and eminent in many social and philanthropic relations. The number of such sudden deaths in our profession has been exceptional the last few years. We have all too great a strain.

Editorial Notes.

IN response to a constant, private, personal appeal for contributions, we get many such replies as the following, which has just been received from a worthy friend: "I work so hard during the day that I feel it rather irksome to sit down to write in the evening; besides, I have nothing original." We can all sympathize with these remarks. But a few jottings at idle moments, without any more elaboration than is needed to write an ordinary note to a friend, would not be difficult. As to originality, there are many readers to whom old ideas are new and useful, and if we were to print nothing that was not purely original, one issue a year would more than suffice.

SEVERAL more letters, two of them of pathetic interest, have come to us on the overcrowded question. No doubt many of our readers who are not pushed in the crowd, are weary of the reiterated complaint. From the point of view of some spectators, a bull-fight is intensely interesting. The goading of an ox is fun to them if it is not the ox they own. Whatever remarks have been made on this subject in this place, were based entirely on facts supplied by reliable correspondents, as well as from subsequent personal investigation. We are forced to acknowledge the truth-