

on our part which our patients, the public, have a right to expect. The certainty of an invasion from the floating population of quacks, who most do congregate on the other side of the lines, and a transfer of the scene of operations from Ontario to Quebec of the empirics and incompetents who could not, or would not, comply with the requirements of the Ontario Act, demand immediate action in Quebec, as a matter of protection to our own reputable practitioners and the public at large.

It is satisfactory to know that the profession of this Province are fully determined to preserve an equal standard of professional requirements with that of Ontario; and it is well for any who propose casting anchor in this Province, to know, that such change, in hopes of immunity from the provisions of Ontario legislation, will only bring them between two fires.

The sooner we are prepared to compel quackery to turn over a new leaf or abdicate, the sooner will the public appreciate the Dentist in his true light, and the sooner will Dentistry be elevated and improved as a profession. The principles of Dental associations strike at the very root of quackery; which must commend them to every intelligent and worthy practitioner. Their moral effect upon the operations of their members is unquestionable; they transfuse character and a fondness for knowledge, as well as the desire to excel. There is an inoculative effect produced on poor operators by witnessing the clinics of those more skilled; and there may be more truth than poetry in the theory of infusion of knowledge by association; as Charles Lamb believed he inhaled learning by walking through, and meditating in old libraries. The experienced are gratified to impart their learning, and the young are glad to imbibe; and if one has too high an estimation of his own abilities, the probability is that by association the delusion is soonest dispelled.

The objects of such associations must commend them to every patriot. In our New Dominion, it is important that every individual, no matter how humble his sphere, should be possessed with a sense of his individual responsibility as a citizen. The status of any calling, as a whole, is but the aggregate status of the individuals representing it, and the character and ability of the individual makes that of the mass. By improving our own sphere of labor, therefore, we fulfil our individual responsibility; and it is a common sense axiom that whatever tends to elevate and improve any one calling which, in the division of labor, forms a part of the grand system of work, reflects credit upon the country at large. With such a principle and such a theory before us, we will all aim at perfection, though we may not all attain it.

The difficulties in the way of an Association in Quebec are few and