

### Editorial.

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We regret very much that some selections of Dr. Beacock, for which he claimed no originality whatever, and which, he informed us at the time, were chiefly taken from *The Practical Dentist*, appeared under the head of "Original Communications" in our two last numbers. The compilation was complimentary to our confrere, and if any blame is to be attached to any one, it is certainly not to Dr. Beacock, who was perfectly ignorant of the use we intended to make of the printed copy, which he uses to educate the community in which he lives.

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### A Valuable Work.

Our friend, Dr. B. H. Catching, has retired from the *Southern Dental Journal*, as editor, intending to issue annually, on subscription only, at \$2.50 a year, "Catching's Compendium of Practical Dentistry," a compilation of all the practical matter of the current dental literature during the year classified, indexed, and bound in one volume. As a reference book it will be invaluable, and will be an ever handy dental library in itself. The first volume will appear in January, 1891, and will be an epitome of all the practical matter of the current year. The wonder is that no one seems to have thought of this excellent idea sooner.

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### The Expansion of Canada.

It is really too bad that this Dominion will grow and prosper in spite of croakers and cowards. The Maritime Provinces are waking up to the necessity for Legislative Dental Protection, and very soon their legislatures will do what Dr. A. C. Cogswell asked them to do twenty years ago—give the public and the profession mutual protection. On another page we publish the ordinances passed in British Columbia and the North-West Territories. The organization of "The North-West Dental Society," with headquarters at Regina, looks like business. It is enough to make the political croakers gnash their teeth. At any rate, if they damage them, they will find a growing army of excellent dentists where a few years' ago the population was chiefly pagan Indians. The growth of dentistry means that civilization and population have made headway. Keep it up John Bull, jun.