

upon a respectable basis. As to the *future* wants of the profession, there is ample time to consider that yet. The demands of our Province are hardly so great, that we need go to *manufacturing* dentists wholesale, for some time to come.

From what I have seen of the management of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, whilst in attendance during the winters of '58, '59, '60, where the average attendance was about *eighty*, I should say that it was barely self-sustaining. Then what can we expect to accomplish, with hardly a pittance to provide and fit up a laboratory, an infirmary, and dissecting room? three *indispensable* requisites to a respectable dental college. And then Toronto is not sufficiently large to provide the patients necessary to keep the students in practice, without infringing upon the business of the resident dentists, and reducing the prices of professional services to a ruinous degree.

I would advise the committee, previous to making their report, to make a tour of inspection through some of the American dental colleges of *good standing*, and I am satisfied that they would readily become convinced of the futility of attempting to organize a college in our midst for years yet to come.

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EDITORIAL.

OSSEOUS UNION OF THE TEETH.



The accompanying cut represents a specimen of the osseous union of two teeth, sent to us by Mr. N. Pearson, of Newmarket, who says it was taken from the mouth of a healthy child about eight years of age, and gives the following history of its removal, viz: "The child was brought to my office, on the 3rd of April, last, by her father, who wished me to remove the right superior central permanent incisor, which was, owing to the great width of the right lateral, completely crowded out of its position; with its palatine surface lying upon the central proximal surface of its fellow, and the labial surface looking to the right. After examination, I recommended the removal of the lateral, for obvious reasons, and proceeded to take it out. You can imagine my surprise and astonishment, when I saw both teeth come away together, and joined by an osseous union, with one nerve supplying both; a strange part of the