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The journal has in its own and only way done good service for the Associations of the Dominion. It has in its own way served the teaching bodies of the Dominion. But, from its first issue in 1868 to the present, it has never received one of their advertisements. Upon one occasion the Ontario Dental Society gave it a contribution of \$25, which was expended exclusively in the interest of the same Society. The cost of publishing in Canada a journal which depends entirely upon the patronage of advertisers and subscribers, is much greater than if the publisher had any connection with a depot, which could make extensive and profitable use of its pages.

We leave our readers to ponder over these facts. The journal is not a beggar, and never will be, but there are dentists in Ontario and Quebec who would give a bigger subscription to bury than to boom it. They may be enthusiastic about its contemporaries, whether published in the United States or England, and may do all they can for their circulation, and nothing for the circulation of our own. There are so many good-souled fellows in our ranks, and so many who forgive us our editorial trespasses, that we could afford to be charitable to those whose anathema is their only benediction. To the few who get into the sulks, and who ignore the existence of a Canadian journal, we try to return good for evil. But if this journal is not expected to keep clean the skirts of the profession and demand open and above-board integrity from its members, it would have no particular *raison d'être* for its existence. It would be better to bury wrongdoers than to bury the journal.

OVER-STOCKED.

That the profession is over-stocked in Ontario and Quebec, goes without saying. That it is an injury to the profession as well as to the public to continue the present encouragement, for entrance must be apparent to ordinary common sense. The sooner remedies are proposed and applied, the better it will be for those who suffer by the surfeit, as well as for those who innocently come into our ranks. It is declared by many that to ask compliance with a code of ethics in face of the boasting competitor and lying of quackery, is to put a penalty upon right and a premium upon wrong. Honest men must live, and will not suffer starvation for their ethics. Those who have well-established practices, and who enjoy various collateral means of retaining and increasing them, should put themselves in the place of the host of young beginners who have to struggle to pay expenses.