

dismissal, from the infirmary to practise on the sly, the elected bodies would be compelled to do so. If the professional body decreed that any professor booming himself on private card, in city directory, or the public press, as officially connected with the school, should at once be dismissed, another grievance of the quack-imitator would be removed. So far as the Royal College of Dental Surgeons is concerned, these remarks do not apply; but they have applied very forcibly to the school in Quebec Province. We have never been convinced that the infirmary in Toronto could not repress, even more extensively than it does, the class outside of the charitable institutions. However, the professional body have this matter in their own hands. It should not be impossible to induce enough of the public charitable institutions of the cities to furnish all the clinical material required for the students, and even to donate the small sum sufficient to pay for the cost of expensive materials. Of course if it is the policy to seek a financial surplus, this would fail; but this policy is decidedly wrong. If the infirmaries are keen and cutting competitors with the respectable class of young dentists; if they beguile the public with the idea that they can afford to give "free" dentistry and even afford to advertise the fact, they do mischief, and put an argumentative weapon in the hands of the quack-imitator. It is a mighty unsatisfactory showing for all our organized effort and educational work, that coincidently with our practical and educational progress, an ethical and social degeneracy has occurred, which, if continued, will make any gentleman blush to be known as a dentist. There is no disgrace in being tinkers and purely commercial dealers in mechanical dentistry. The disgrace is to be this, and to ape the principles of a profession. Do we sufficiently reflect upon this question? We have a magnificent monument to the personal energy and fidelity of the professional body of Ontario in relation to education. What sort of monument are we making to show the ethical instinct and the professional pride, without which we have no claim to assume that dentistry is one of the learned professions?

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### A HINT IN ORTHODONTIA.

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It sometimes happens that the second bicuspids are lost before the second permanent molars have erupted, and if neglected the latter would travel forward. It is frequently desirable to retain loose deciduous cuspids for some time, lest the bicuspids move too rapidly to the front, and narrow the space for the forthcoming cuspid. In all cases where these teeth are lost it is advisable to