

in some instances, of most dangerous proceedings, on the part of responsible members of Boards of Examiners. By-laws have been made to order, at short notice, to fit emergencies, only to be found that they were as illegal as they were tyrannical. Meetings have been held, resolutions passed, and action taken without the required written requisition of three, and without notice being sent to all the members. Students have been irritated beyond measure by arbitrary officials, who seem to forget in "the insolence of office" that they were the servants—not the dictators—of the profession. We have had too much experience not to know that the most honest official service cannot escape calumny; but the profession has had some experience, too, during the last few years, that may lead to the conviction that it would be wise to imitate Nova Scotia and put a check upon the possibility of one or two members of a board playing shuttlecock with the by-laws, and giving fantastic interpretations to their intention. In the hands of wise and just men there need, perhaps, be no fear or suspicion that pre-meditated wrong will be done. But we cannot expect, when we elect seven men as members of our Boards, that they will be reduplications of the seven sages of ancient Greece; and even should we be so fortunate, it is only fair to those who accept the responsibility of office, that they should not have put upon them, individually or collectively, the odium of suspicion of *malfesance*, or even the misfortune of honest erring. By making the Association "approve" of their doings they are relieved from suspicion or accusation.

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Elsewhere we print the papers read at the meeting at Smith's Falls. The proceedings have not yet reached us.

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16. *Q.*—We are told that after removing devitalized or putrescent pulps to sterilize canals and pump chloro per-chaoxy chloride of zinc or other creamy substance into the roots, even beyond where a drill or broach may go. If such teeth ulcerate afterwards, we are instructed to remove the fillings and treat again. How may such fillings be removed from the roots?

17. *Q.*—What makes the best investment for plates or bridges where gold soldering is to be done?