

and Harry who can pass the matriculation examination to become dentists? It would pay us better to stop short, or raise the entrance examination and increase the term of study to five years. I can see no object, either to the profession or the public in this wholesale manufacturing, when the supply is already sufficient for the next quarter of a century. The licentiates have it in their own hands."

As we remarked before, it is "a serious question," which must be discussed from the standpoint of the duty we owe to the public as well as to the profession. To our mind, it would be infinitely more in the interest of both, if one-half of the present practising dentists were to abandon the dental engine for the plough. Canada wants a million or two more solid and successful farmers. She could do without half her doctors and dentists. On the prairies of Manitoba there are happier and healthier lives to be found, than in the most successful professional career in the Dominion.

Conscience Makes Cowards.

"Conscience does make cowards of us all." When one writes generally of quacks, boodlers, hypocrites and arrogant officials, every quack, boodler, hypocrite and arrogant official applies the cap to his own head with amusing celerity. When students have been unfairly dealt with by examiners whose very questions expose their own ignorance, the honest examiner never imagines that criticism for wrong-doing is meant for him. It is the man who knows he is guilty of unfairness, and perhaps malice, who screeches, "You mean me!" Of course we mean him, and we intend dealing with him without imitating his example of stabbing in the back. What he gets he will get straight in the face from the shoulder, metaphorically speaking. However, an honest man need make no clamor as to whether we mean him or not. He ought to know, by reason of his own conscience, that we do not. Men who have acted dishonestly ought to know that we do mean them. We commend to everybody the sarcasm of Victor Hugo, to which we alluded once before. During the *régime* of Napoleon III. the Paris police were instructed to arrest anyone in the streets whom they overheard using the words "Scoundrel!" "Rascal!" for the Government believed that they were speaking of the Emperor!