

registration is expected of the Council, and we believe that that body has discharged its difficult duties with as few of those inevitable mistakes as generally follow the most conscientious efforts to deal out evenhanded justice.

Editorial.

The Older Dentists and Degrees.

It has frequently been a mystery to some of our friends in England, why so many—most, if not all—of the leaders and fathers of the first progressive movement in Canada were not possessed of dental degrees, other than the "Licentiate of Dental Surgery." It must be remembered that the same state of affairs existed in the Old Country and in the United States prior to dental legislation in favor of educational systems; and that the leaders of the movement who were the founders of these systems could not avail themselves of advantages which they themselves created. In Canada, a large part of the professional lives of these founders was devoted to political and professional organization, the benefits of which are accruing to-day to younger men. It is true that in the Province of Ontario a School of Dentistry is now in its nineteenth year; but there was no degree given until the affiliation with the University of Toronto, in 1888. In the Province of Quebec, only last year, a College was organized, but owing to factious opposition, it is not yet empowered to promise a degree.

Looking back at the days of the students of twenty-five and thirty years ago, we find the profession divided into two classes—one decidedly quackish in all its instincts and practice, manufacturing dentists in three or four months for a hundred dollars a head; the other, thoroughly ethical before the days of ethics, accepting students for not less than five continuous years, during which time lectures at a medical college were demanded on Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry and Materia Medica; a most thorough drilling in the laboratory in every possible detail of continuous gum work and the various metals in use; regular study of the best dental works to be obtained, suspicious of the introduction of vulcanite as a curse to high practice. It is no wonder that those of us who went through the five and seven years of such skilled teaching