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RETIRING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

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In retiring from the President's chair, I thank the members of the Ontario Dental Society for the honor they conferred upon me in electing me to that office. Honors frequently bring responsibility. I recognize it to have been so in this case, and I have endeavored to discharge the duties of office in such a manner that the interests of the Society should not suffer. I trust the meeting at this time will not be less interesting or profitable than any previous one. The programme before us is brimful of useful matter, and those who put into practice the instruction contained in the various papers, etc., will be better dentists in consequence of such help.

A dentist may, Robinson Crusoe like, all alone, achieve a certain amount of success, but we must all depend to some extent on borrowed ideas, if we are to reach the perfection of attainment. So association with others of the same craft for interchange of ideas and plans is a great factor in a prosperous business career.

In successful dentistry, scientific knowledge is combined with practical skill. Dentistry owes much to the practical men of the past, the profession was once entirely dependent upon manipulative skill and without any knowledge of the structure and uses of the tissues surrounding the dental organs. Now the successful dentist is the man who intelligently applies scientific principles in the treatment of every case.