

DR. GEORGE H. WEAGANT.

In our September issue the report of the Eastern Ontario Dental Association contained an item of a presentation to our friend Dr. Geo. H. Weagant. Unfortunately it was included in the report under Dr. Weagant's own signature, and appears as if it had been sent by him to the JOURNAL. Anybody who knows the doctor will know better, but he has written us in great wrath, as he is not the sort of fellow to tout his own trumpet. The fact is, that the item was sent to us by Mr. S. A. Craige, who was visiting the doctor at the time. Mr. Craige took the clipping from a Brockville paper, and noticing that Dr. Weagant cut that part out of his report he determined to send it. Dr. Weagant had not the slightest idea that it would go in *his* report. Everybody will be sorry to hear that he is in Colorado for the benefit of his health. Everybody will be glad to welcome him home again.

QUEBEC MATTERS.

The politics of dentistry in Quebec seem to be about as rotten as they can possibly become. The *ancient régime*, officially and personally, was entirely one of gentlemen; the present make-up of the profession has had intruded into it the instincts of the *canaille*. No one who does not personally merit it need take offence at this statement. Those who deserve it can hug it to their bosoms. They have shown the truth of the old adage, that "silk purses cannot be made out of sows' ears." We are charitable enough not to publish their names.

Formerly no one sought, much less schemed and potted for office. To-day there is an unseemly chase for it, and thle Sancho Panzas who think themselves "fit for government," include the most utterly unfit, and the most offensively presumptuous. Accusations of boodling have been freely circulated; an erratic system of doing business has been tolerated, which has created distrust.

In brief, there has been, to say the least, a very marked degree of business incapacity and financial extravagance. The position of the profession, and everything connected with its official existence, demand investigation. It will not do to throw upon the present Board the responsibility of reorganization, or the blame for the state of affairs. The present Board have the confidence of the licentiates, and it is the duty of the members to strengthen their hands. They have inherited a condition of affairs of some perplexity, and need to take the members into their confidence.