

Since the above was written we have received from the Secretary of the Ontario Dental Association a "Draft of Proposed Amendments to the Dental Act," which amendments, according to a circular which accompanied it, were unanimously agreed upon at the meeting of the Society at Barrie, last July. We are not in a position to say that any mistakes have been made in preparing this draft, although it seems to us ridiculous that all expenses connected with the carrying on of the School of Dentistry should be paid out of examination fees, as stated in section four. We were also surprised to read in section five, that the Board is to be *asked* to extend the course of lectures for students from two to three years, etc. As the Board has already been granted the power to make the changes mentioned, we fear that the Legislature, being accustomed to command rather than request, will not ask the Board to do anything of the kind, so that this section appears to us quite out of place among the proposed amendments to the Dental Act. Section three refers to a system of registration which has no existence, and for which no provision is made. As it stands, therefore, it is meaningless, unless the registration referred to means the granting of a license to practise dentistry, in which case the distinction between those who have and those who have not registered is quite unnecessary, as those who have not registered have no rights to forfeit. The resolutions passed by the Ontario Dental Society were intended to provide for changes in the law which would elevate the profession and improve the present system of electing the directors, and upon these questions it was thought desirable to obtain the opinion of the licentiates throughout the Province. It is to be regretted, therefore, that the amendments have been submitted to the profession in their present form, as on account of their ambiguity but little value can be attached to any expression of opinion upon their merits. For the welfare and credit of the profession we sincerely hope that when the matter comes before the Legislature it will be in an entirely different form.

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