

year, so much to agitate us, and that the best of our time and energy will now be occupied in the friendly discussion of those topics that touch us in our every-day practice.

The districts into which our province is divided for electing the Board of Directors would be an excellent division for more limited associations, which, if once formed, would create a more professional spirit in the local districts. They would encourage the best methods and the most careful investigations in a greater number than could be reached by the more general association. They would, also, be a means by which the representatives to the Board of Directors would be enabled to gauge the general sentiment of the profession, which would be of material help to them in their official duties. If such societies were in active existence what a resource our general society would have to draw from, and in return how it could extend its influence.

Through the printed transactions and reports in the various journals, and by the stimulus given to those who were present, what an influence the Dental Congress of last August in Chicago will have. It will extend to hundreds of dentists who were not present, helping them to more fully appreciate the dignity of their chosen profession, and elevating them in no small degree in their ethical standing, and what is true of the World's Columbian Dental Congress is true in a more limited sense of every dental convention.

Let us then strive each year to have a convention that will be universally attended that the best good may result therefrom. Such has been our endeavor this year by this union meeting, but in conclusion I wish to say, that it ought to be of paramount importance that there should be one society that would be an aggregation of all that is best in the various local societies that now exist in, or that may be formed in the Province, and that society should be the Ontario Dental Society.

Modern Dentistry.*

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When asked for a title to a solicited contribution I did not then know what I would write about, so I selected "Modern Dentistry," believing it to be a most comprehensive subject, affording great scope. Do not for a moment expect a long dissertation on the many additions and improvements to the dental science during the past twenty years. It should be considered presumptuous in me (one of the old practitioners before the introduction of L.D.S.) to

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