

Ontario, with the suggestion that some move for provincial action generally should emanate from the Royal College of Dental Surgeons. We must appreciate the heavy tax already laid upon the Ontario officials. Without their co-operation a "National" movement could not be representative. Canada must, therefore, remain out in the cold, but we shall unite in the hope that our friends of "la belle France" may have a thoroughly successful meeting.

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### A RETROSPECT.

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Looking back on our experience of dental journalism in Canada, from the birth of the *Canada Journal of Dental Science* in 1868, to the completion of eleven volumes of the DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL, there are many shadows of disappointment with many more feelings of delight. There are some people so constituted mentally, that they take real pleasure in the disappointments, and even the misfortunes of their colleagues, however unselfishly the latter may have striven for the general weal of the profession; and we are quite sure that we have succeeded, unfortunately perhaps, in exciting the disapprobation of these worthies. Any reasonable man who stops for five minutes to think, of the difficulties in the way of conducting an independent dental journal in the Dominion, which can make itself a necessity in spite of the competition of older and richly-endowed contemporaries over the border, would not likely assume, unless his conceit was prodigious, that any dentist, or any combination of dentists in Canada, could eclipse the valuable periodicals issued in the United States. The success of our contemporaries is a monthly gratification to their readers in Canada, quite as much so as in the United States. Envy in any form is the very last thought they suggest. We all share in the valuable matter which they present to their readers, even more so than we can in the general literature of American magazines. But if we inquire a little into the reasons for their success, we shall find that it is not only due to the commercial capital at their backs, but to the characteristic loyalty and generosity of the American profession, which contributes so little of its criticism, and so much of its professional knowledge to their pages. We would not foul our own nest by the assumption that the Canadian dentist is not sufficiently equipped to contribute more generously to our literature. There is no part of the profession in the world which demands higher preliminary education than we exact in several of our provinces; and conservative in many respects as we may be, there is nothing in any department