

apply the tests ourselves as they are applied by the most advanced provincial and state societies—by examinations.

My name is placed on the programme to open a discussion on "the advisability of affiliation with the Halifax Medical College"; but I will introduce it here in order that it may receive more thought than it could possibly have if left until the last evening.

I do not pretend to have formulated a scheme perfect in detail, but sufficiently clear to show its advantage and purpose. It may be summed up roughly as follows:

All persons who, after a certain date, shall become practitioners of dentistry in Nova Scotia shall pass an examination before the medical faculty, on

(a) Physiology, anatomy, oral surgery, etc.

(b) Administration of anesthetics. Necessary general pathology and therapeutics, etc.

(c) In default of proper knowledge, to demand attendance upon a course of lectures on these subjects.

(d) The dental examiners shall satisfy themselves that each candidate is qualified in all the branches pertaining to the dental specialty.

These are suggestions that have been in my thought for a long time, and this seems the proper moment to present them formally to your wise consideration.

The Committee on Legislation has important business to lay before you. The revision of the Dental Act, and the consideration of the legislation in the case of C. Percy Heales.

The question of the advisability of organizing a maritime convention of dental surgeons will come before you, and correspondence from the New Brunswick Dental Society will be read.

In the event of such maritime convention being organized, will you consider the advisability of changing the Nova Scotia law so that, if we deem it expedient, this convention may meet bi-annually instead of annually, on the alternate year with the proposed maritime convention?

Some of the matters presented will be reported by the Dental Board and various committees. I have mentioned them now in order that a business committee may be appointed, to which these and any other matters may be referred for consideration and report, thus saving the time of the convention.

I have to thank the association for the honor paid me last year. I beg you to accept the feeble efforts to perform the duties connected with the office, and trust that the convention now open for business may progress with interest and profit to the profession.