

dentistry is increasing with the general public; for, while the increase in the numbers entering the ranks of our profession is vastly in excess of the increase of population, the demand for dentistry seems to keep pace with the supply of dentists. The more the public can be educated to the importance of preserving the teeth or their replacement by artificial ones when lost, the greater will be the demand for skilful dentists. The influence of teeth on the general health is being more and more recognized. The teeth come in for close scrutiny by examining officers selecting recruits for the army and navy. Many of the volunteers for service in South Africa were bowled out on account of the condition of their teeth. An effort is being made in the United States to have a law passed providing for the appointment of dental surgeons for the army and navy.

Our Board of Directors is managing the affairs of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons in a very satisfactory manner. It is gratifying to know that the profession in Ontario owns such a fine college property with a school so well equipped for teaching dentistry in all its higher branches. It is also gratifying to know that it is one of the few public institutions which are out of debt. Our representative, Dr. Hanna, will favor us with a statement of the affairs of the college during the last year. One feature of last year's management, which, I think, was highly commendable, was the providing of a free post-graduate course in crown and bridge-work and orthodontia. This was particularly advantageous and profitable to those of us who took advantage of it, and who had graduated before the subjects were taught in the college as thoroughly as they are to-day.

I would suggest that the members of the association use their best efforts to make the DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL one of the best of its kind published.

It is with the utmost satisfaction I have to report the increasing interest taken in the Ontario Dental Society. The removal of the date of annual meeting to February affords students attending college the opportunity of attending the convention. For their benefit the Board of Directors have made an annual grant the last three years to the society on condition that a specialist on some subject connected with dentistry be engaged to give lectures or demonstrations, or both, at the convention. This enables the society to present a programme of more than ordinary merit and gives the students an advantage which they would not otherwise enjoy. Besides this, it is likely to create in them a taste for, and an appreciation of, the Dental Society. I have great hope for the professional success of a young man who is interested in his dental journal and dental society. I would strongly recommend the members of the Eastern Ontario Dental Association to join the Ontario