

After the usual routine business the Treasurer, Dr. S. Globensky, read his report, showing the most favorable balance in hand that has existed since the Association was organized twenty-three years ago, in spite of a succession of onerous law suits, heavy expenses in obtaining new legislation, etc. The Secretary, Dr. Bourdon, read a full report showing the great increase in the number of dentists in the Province, and the exceptionally large number of about eighty students. The loose system of matriculation under the old law made easy entrance to the profession. Owing to certain discreditable means used by a few to impose upon the ignorance of the public, by quick advertisements, and false representations circulated in the public streets, the following obligation was now imposed upon all graduates: "I—do solemnly promise and swear that I will uphold the honor and dignity of the profession, and adhere to the by-laws and rules of the Dental Association of the Province of Quebec to the best of my ability." The Secretary further referred to the immense labor which fell upon the retiring Board, in securing legislation, as well as in litigation and the success achieved. Mention was made of the imposture practised by a student upon the members of the Local Legislature, in stating falsely that he possessed certain qualifications to consideration for a Private Bill, and its indignant rejection by the Legislature, owing to the opposition of the Board.

The President then gave his retiring address, recapitulating the sound financial position, and paying special compliments to the Secretary and Treasurer for their zealous labors. No previous Board—and the speaker had been on the Board ever since its organization—had been called upon to make such personal sacrifices in promoting

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as well as in protecting the public from the expert charlatan, whose moral conscience was too low to aspire to professional decency. The organization of the Odontological Society had proved a great success under the guardianship of its first president, Dr. E. B. Ibbotson, and its present chief officer, Dr. F. A. Stevenson. The Montreal General Hospital had appointed Dr. R. H. Berwick on its staff as dentist; a strong feeling in favor of better means of education prevailed, and the organization of "the