

duty to declare that we found no such state of things in existence. We were received with the greatest courtesy, and universally congratulated on the efforts made by the dentists of the province, as a body, to elevate the moral and social standing of their profession. We received the cordial help and advice of some of the most eminent men on both sides of the House, and I have come to the conclusion, that after all, any attempt to use other than moral influence is, as has been proven by past failures, the surest way to unsuccess.

The second mission given last year to the now outgoing Board, was the prosecution of illegal practitioners. The printed report will show you the result of our efforts in that direction, and you will find the cost thereof in the treasurer's report. It is for this meeting to decide if the results obtained are proportionate to the cost entailed, and whether it is advisable to continue on the same line of work.

Before concluding, gentlemen, allow me to repeat the remarks I made in French concerning the aims and ambitions of the outgoing Board.

In my own name, and, I am sure, in the name of all the members of this Board, I may assure the members of the profession present at this meeting, that the aim of all our actions, the *animus* of all our efforts, was to foster the welfare and elevate the standard of the profession without any view whatever to our retaining office. I am, as a question of principle, opposed to the canvassing for votes, to the craving for office and honor, which has in the past done so much harm. If some other gentlemen are in your opinion better qualified than some, or all, of us to take hold of the Board work at this difficult and critical period of our history as a profession, well and good. They shall receive our most hearty support, and you will have done us a favor in removing from our shoulders a burden of responsibility, for which the consequent and problematic honor and profit that may be reaped thereof are but very insufficient compensation.