

Fees were very low for operating at that time, and I regret to say that as the profession is becoming crowded they are returning to the same low figures. It is remarkable how dentistry has become developed since that period. In those days none but gold or silver plates were worn. In order to practice, one had to be well up in metal work, and the fees were very good.

I took an active part in securing our Act of Incorporation. Was a member of the Board of Examiners when the present College was established at a meeting held in Dr. Chittenden's office in Hamilton, and have served several terms on the Board since the College was started.

I have always endeavored to practise dentistry in a professional manner, and if dentists are only true to themselves there is no reason why the dental profession should not stand on an equal footing with other learned professions.

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I was always a great advocate of the Ontario Dental Society meetings, and as a rule attended, because it is a well-known fact that the flourishing condition and standing of the profession to-day, must be attributed to a little dental association formed at the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, thirty-one years ago last January, and consisting of only nine members. In this case the old rhyme is verified again, "Large trees from little acorns grow." Let me tell you that the great city of Toronto did not contribute a single old and leading dentist to that assembly. Mr. M. E. Snider, a young but enthusiastic dentist, was the only one. This meeting appeared to be beneath the notice of the great men of that day in Toronto. It was the small cities and towns from whence they came. The city of Kingston sent Dr. B. W. Day, Hamilton sent C. S. Chittenden and D. A. Bogart, the town of Brockville; A. D. Lalonde, Picton; H. T. Wood, Cobourg; F. G. Callender and J. S. Scott, Peterboro; your humble servant, J. O'Donnell, and, as before stated, Toronto, M. E. Snider. The above named formed the first Dental Association in Canada, therefore I have great respect for and sympathy with the Ontario Dental Society to-day as well as in the past. I congratulate you, sir, upon having had the honor of presiding over the dentists of this Province. I too, sir, had that distinguished honor, and venture to hope that during your tenure of office there has been less rivalry and more harmony than during mine. In my day all wanted office, and if not got, kicked over. In one instance a rival society was formed. This was the means of dividing the profession into two hostile camps, thereby causing dissension, and destroying that harmony that should prevail, as originally intended.

Office should be of minor consideration; in fact, the office should seek the man instead of the reverse. I may here state that I think