

The third time came some three years after—another notice to serve. I pleaded before the Judge my exemption under the Provincial Act exempting medical men, firemen, surgeons, etc., and presented my diploma as a graduate and a surgeon dentist. All was of no avail; the Chief Justice ruled that it did not apply to dentists, nor was there any special Act exempting those of our profession from serving on the jury. So I accepted with good grace the learned counsel's decision, and sat on the hard benches for two days, deciding the cases brought before me with my fellow-jurymen as best we could.

At the present time all dentists are exempt from serving on juries in Nova Scotia; and so, after years of struggling against opposition to dental legislation, in 1891 the profession secured an Act incorporating what is now known as "The Dental Association of the Province of Nova Scotia," with certain powers and privileges. Under this Act of incorporation the Legislature has given the members of the dental profession the same exemption from serving as jurymen as those of the medical profession, and thus securing the long-desired legislation. The following is the clause inserted in the Act: "The privileges and exemptions conferred upon physicians and surgeons by the laws of this Province are hereby granted to licensed dentists." And as *no* dentist can practise in this Province *unless* he is registered and has secured his license to practise, and as we feel that our patients have a prior right to our services and skill as specialists in alleviating pain and suffering at all times, while equity might exempt us in special cases, yet the law places us in a *better* position, and we claim our rights equal with those of the medical profession.

I have no doubt the same privilege will be accorded to every dentist in the United States as well as in the Dominion, *if applied for by legislation.*

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Men who succeed in any calling, combine several very important elements of character. Faith, and talent, and ambition, and energy will win wonders of success. Perhaps the great difference among men of all callings, is energy of character, or want of it. It takes nerve, vim, perseverance, patient continuance in well doing, to win a great prize. And the young man who goes into a profession without this pluck and force will fail.