

*To the Members of the North-West Territories Dental Association:*

GENTLEMEN,—The year just closed has been the most satisfactory one in the history of our Association.

The Dental Law was amended shortly after our last session, and its operations have been so beneficial that the North-West Government, the people, and this Association have each full reason for congratulating themselves. Under this law, the tramping through the country of irresponsible dentists has been practically stopped, and to-day, for the first time in our history, we can say we have a resident and proficient profession. It is my belief that to-day the profession in the North-West will compare favorably with the profession in any province in Canada.

It is with regret that I have learned that in one or two instances a member of our Territorial Association has violated the law of a sister province. We compel those of other provinces to respect our law, and it is but right that we should respect theirs. I would ask your attention to this matter, that you may devise means to discipline those guilty in this way.

There is to be a Dental Convention in Winnipeg in July, to which, I understand, Territorialists are to be invited. I hope you will take steps to secure as full a representation as possible.

The law in relation to students is working well. I have personally advised all our students that a thorough course will be demanded of them. This, chiefly in their own interest. The matter of a college which they are to attend is, to a certain extent, an open question. If, however, a student attends an American college, he is thereby debarred from practising in the greater part of Canada, and to attend the Canadian College insures a broad field for the student's future. As the Canadian college is undeniably one of the best on earth, I would suggest that you recommend to all students the advisability of attending the R. C. D. S.

During the year, I have asked to have the North-West second-class certificate, with Latin option, accepted by the R. C. D. S. for matriculation, without the necessity of a university matriculation. Owing to the North-West Territories having a higher school standard than Ontario, this could be accepted by the R. C. D. S. without lowering their standard. But up to the present there has been no affirmative response.

The reciprocity clause of the Dental Ordinance seems to have awakened an interest in the matter of provincial interchange of licenses, or Dominion registration, and I have every hope that shortly this Dominion of ours will be, dentally, a united country.