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### The Status of the Profession in Ontario.

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It is sometimes very tempting to tell people what we think of them from our own individual standpoint, and if this communication should at times seem at all personal, it must be attributed entirely to a weakness on my part in yielding to this temptation. And yet this article is written, not so much from inclination as from the suggestions of several Ontario dentists, who wish their brothers tuned up by an outsider.

The truth is, that the rank and file of the profession in this Province are at least ten years behind the times, and in the present progressive era of dentistry ten years means something more than one hundred and twenty months.

There must be some reason for this. Probably there are more reasons than one, but it seems to me that the main cause of the backwardness of the profession, resolves itself down to the one evil of professional narrow-mindedness and bigotry. This is manifest, of course, more particularly with the men who years ago settled into a groove and have remained there ever since—men who never had the advantage of collegiate training, and who do not believe in colleges or dental societies. It is this class of men who, the