

Potts and others, the writer with his colleagues, in gratitude, for benefits rendered our profession, and feeling that our interests and duties frequently *anastomose*, will give all the aid and sympathy which their humble function as journalist will permit, asking for the sympathy and co-operation of the Dental profession and all interested therein, the subscriber makes his first bow on the editorial staff of the C. J. D. S.

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THE DENTAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The Meetings of the Dental Societies in Toronto, were in many respects far in advance of any that have hitherto been held. There was less bantering about Parliamentary usages, breaches of the Constitution, etc., etc., and more attention to the real business of Dental improvement. True, at the meetings which have preceeded these, the *business* of arranging the "Act," necessarily took up a great deal of time to the exclusion of all other matters; but, we do think, that some portion of the time might very profitably have been spent in the *real* discussion of subjects directly pertaining to every day practice. We think that the great falling off in the numbers in attendance at the late meetings, was owing to the feeling that too much time would be spent, for the amount of benefit to be derived from attending. To all those who stayed away for this reason, we think we can safely say, that they lost ten times more than the value of the time required to attend the meetings. The discussions were spirited and were carried on in the happiest manner, each man seeming to be willing to contribute his mite to the general fund of advancement in the knowledge of our specialty. The Essays were carefully prepared, and brought out a large amount of debate.

There was one feature of the proceedings to which we refer with great pleasure, as, so far as we know, it was the first time that any thing of the kind was ever attempted by any Dental Society.

We refer to the Lectures of Doctor Richardson and Doctor Caniff. To those who studied the Anatomy and Pathology of the Fifth Pair of Nerves, when they were preparing for the practice of their Profession, these lectures served to bring these subjects back again, while, to those who never studied them—we fear that a large proportion of the Dentists of the country have never *really* done so—these lectures will form a starting point, at which we hope they will take