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THE CONGRESS IN FRANCE, 1900.

It is a matter for regret that the chances of Canadian representation at the International Dental Congress in Paris next year are very slim. Although we have in each province of the Dominion our separate provincial associations, we have no distinctively "National" or Dominion Society, such as the Canadian Medical Association, and there is no one body, therefore, to represent the Dominion as a whole, and that is what our confrères in France require. Membership in the Congress is only attainable by certificate from the elected officers of such a "National" society. Our friends over the border are represented by the American Dental Association, and there will be no specially State representation. Of course, the difficulty of organizing a Dental Association for the Dominion is by no means small. Our provinces constitute a long chain of three thousand miles, our population is but six millions, and our professional strength is necessarily much scattered. Ten years ago an attempt was made in this Journal to feel the pulse of the profession on the subject, but the response was by no means hearty. There are, too, so many demands upon the active officials of each provincial board, that any extra burdens in that direction cannot at present be expected. Upon receipt of the official correspondence from the Secretary-General we thought the best thing to do was to lay the matter before the oldest and largest professional body in the Dominion, the authorities of