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ADDRESS BY RETIRING PRESIDENT.*

DR. R. E. SPARKS, KINGSTON.

To the Members of the Eastern Ontario Dental Association ;

GENTLEMEN,—It is with much pleasure that I welcome you to the twenty-first annual meeting of our association. Contributing in no small degree to that pleasure is the fact that we meet in the interesting, hospitable and beautiful city of Ottawa. Particularly interesting is Ottawa to us, as it furnished a number of charter members of our association, some of whom are with us to-night. And owing to the fact that Ottawa is provided with so large a number of aggressive, up-to-date members of our profession, we owe to it, more than to any other city or town, the continued existence and success of the Eastern Ontario Dental Association.

In the midst of our rejoicing comes a shadow of sadness. We miss to-night the familiar face of one of our charter members. Since our last meeting he has passed over to the great majority. I refer to our late secretary-treasurer, Dr. George Weagant, of Cornwall. He was always present at our meetings and always interested in the welfare of our association. Being two years president and many years secretary-treasurer, perhaps to him, more than to any other member, was due the success of our association. Well skilled in his profession, conscientious in his practice, kind and considerate in his friendships, he has left us an example worthy of being followed.

While nothing very startling or unusual has developed in the dental profession during the past year, especially in Canadian dentistry, yet we are moving forward. Interest and confidence in

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