

DENTAL ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.

The annual meeting to be held in Hamilton on the 14th, 15th and 16th of the present month, will evidently be one of unusual interest. Since the last meeting, the Act respecting dentistry, approved by the Association, has, with slight alterations, become law.

There are three classes of persons affected by the Act, first: Dentists of five years established office practice immediately preceding the passing of the law; who will, by furnishing the Board satisfactory proof thereof, receive a license to practice without passing any examination. The Secretary of the board, J. O'Donnell, Peterboro, will furnish all necessary blanks and information relating thereto.

Dentists of established office practice of less than five years, in addition to the above requirements, will be entitled to receive a license and the *title of Licentiate of Dental Surgery*, upon furnishing proofs of moral character and passing a satisfactory examination.

A student is required to be articled to a licentiate for two years; and to pass an examination in Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Dental Medicine, Dental Surgery, Operative Dentistry, Dental Science, Art and Mechanism, and Institutes of Dentistry.

The following text books are recommended by the Board: Gray's Anatomy, Dalton's Physiology, Fownes' Chemistry, Harris' Principles and Practice of Dental Surgery, Taft's Operative Dentistry, Richardson's Mechanical Dentistry, Bond's Dental Medicine, Nitrous Oxide, by Prof. Barker.

We are constantly receiving letters of inquiry upon the above points, and as this number of the journal will be sent to all the parties, they are requested to accept the above explanation as an answer to their several letters. In future, unless of immediate urgency, letters of the above nature will be answered through the journal.

Dr. Chittenden writes that he has arranged with the principal hotels to entertain dentists attending the meeting at reduced rates. The Corresponding Secretary is also communicating with railway and steamboat companies for return tickets at one fare, which will probably be granted as on former occasions. Dentists, not members of the association, will please apply to Dr. O'Donnell, Peterboro, for these tickets. The Recording Secretary will be supplied, and forward them in time to the members of the association.

Messrs. R. Trotter, H. T. Wood and J. B. Meacham, are expected to read papers before the association.

The Act respecting dentistry, with its provisions for the three classes of operators above alluded to, will evidently receive much consideration.