

last five months were so remarkably distinct, and in two the indurations were so apparent that I referred them to the family physicians for confirmation, and subsequently learned from them that this appearance had regularly returned for several years. These cases are, I venture to suggest, better treated by constitutional treatment than by local. I refer specially to those markedly associated with anæmic conditions. The local treatment which a dentist might feel justified in suggesting, must necessarily be of little or no avail, without the constitutional treatment which is within the province of the physician.

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THE ONTARIO DENTAL SOCIETY.—LETTERS FROM OLD PRACTITIONERS ON THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE DENTAL PROFESSION IN ONTARIO.

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As you say, I was the first Canadian to obtain a degree in the dental profession, which I did in 1860.

I had the honor of sitting at the feet of the Gamaliel of the profession in the United States during the two sessions of the Baltimore College, viz., 1858-9 and 1859-60. The Faculty at that time consisted of Drs. Chapin, Harris, Piggott, Bond, Wright, Austin, Johnston, Church and Gorgas, nearly all of whom were medical men and distinguished authors. I spent a short time in Dr. Harris's office, but I never served any apprenticeship in any other office.

I was the first to introduce rubber work in this city. Although Dr. George Elliott was advertising it in Toronto, in 1860, at \$60 per set. For a number of years we got \$40 per set in this city. I also introduced gas, ether, spray, cocaine, and celluloid in this city. One of my students, Dr. H. R. Abbott, is one of the leading dentists of the east to-day.

DR. CLEMENT, KINGSTON.

In answer to the little letter you wrote me to give you something about myself, I beg to say that after finishing my term of pupilage with the late Dr. Waide, of Ogdensburg, I located in Kingston, on the 20th September, 1857 and have been here ever since.

At that time there were only about half a dozen dentists between Cobourg and Montreal, Relyea in Belleville, Day in Kingston, Legge in Brockville, Weagant in Morrisburg, and one in Picton. Now I believe there are nearly one hundred covering the same ground.