

(4) Always utilise the solid support of the alveolar process as a basis for artificial teeth when the pressure and force of mastication are at all considerable, excepting the selected small cases referred to.

(5) Wherever any bridging is admitted, make the attachments of the bridge to the roots immensely strong or else intentionally movable.—*Journal of British Dental Association.*

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OUR JOURNALISM IN CANADA.

[We are permitted to publish the following extract from a recent letter by one of the widest and best known retired members of the profession. The writer has made us a "half-promise" that he will write some of his early reminiscences, long before the Act of Incorporation for Ontario was ever suggested.—ED. D.D.J.]

Eternal vigilance, it is said, is the price of liberty. I was one of the first subscribers to the *Canada Journal of Dental Science*, persuaded by my dear old friend C. S. Chittenden, of Hamilton. Eternal vigilance, so far, has been the watchword of the editor of our *Canadian Journal*, and I can testify to the widespread influence of your warnings and denouncements of unprofessional conduct. We may claim all we like about being a "profession." Our acts of incorporation and the constitutions of our associations may declare dentistry to be a "profession." The honorable conduct and the sacrifices of those who organized dentistry as such, before a majority of the present practitioners were born, or when, perhaps, they were mere children, should count for the good intentions and the foundations of ethics which too many now ignore. But a "profession" is not altogether made by an Act of Parliament. It is mainly made by the individual sense of honor, the individual deeds of honor, and the aggregated *esprit de corps* which such actions produce. Each province could act only for its own autonomy. The JOURNAL has acted for all. The influence of our Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario has been beyond praise; but it can only act for Ontario. Each Board of Examiners, each voluntary society, has had its limitations within its own geographical sphere. The JOURNAL, since 1868, has gone on its missionary work into every province and every office, and even over the border and over the ocean, making Canadian dentistry known to the world as no one provincial institution could, and as our Canadian contingents made Canadians as soldiers better known. Those of us who were practicing before all this existed can