

I should be greatly pleased if these remarks were to come under the notice of those practitioners who do not attend our meetings, so that they could give the matter a little more consideration and thereby be induced to become members.

On another matter which bears on the subject of membership, I will say a few words.

There has been some talk of trying to bring about an amalgamation of the Eastern Dental Society with the Ontario. So far as my opinion is concerned an amalgamation is not what is desired. We would like to see every dentist of Ontario belong to the Ontario Dental Society, and this to be the Society for the Province. It would be a matter of regret if the Eastern dentists were to give up their Society, for as much as I have seen of it and from the spirit shown by the members at their meetings, it deserves imitation. We dentists of the Central and Western part of this province might follow their example in some measure and divide Ontario into districts, with a society for each. At these dentists could conveniently and regularly meet and discuss subjects as well as prepare matters, if necessary, for the General Meeting held in the month of July.

Before I conclude let me express a hope that henceforth we will all endeavor to enlist such practitioners whom we may have in our neighborhood, and who are not members, into the ranks of this Society. Also, as I have said before, let our proceedings be fully published in the DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL, which has a large circulation in America and European countries, so that others may read what we are doing here in Canada, and may see that we are not behind other countries by a certain number of years, as some think we are.

Gentlemen, I thank you for the attention you have given me, and hope that these remarks will be taken in the same friendly spirit as they are given.

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### **Pathological Conditions of the Mouth Due to Artificial Dentures.\***

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GENTLEMEN,—The pathological conditions of the mouth due to artificial dentures have not hitherto received the consideration of the profession their frequency and seriousness seemingly demand; and while it is not my purpose to do more than call attention to some of the more apparent difficulties, yet I trust enough may be said to lead you to a full and careful study of the whole subject.

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