

in Boston. He became a member of the American Dental Association in 1876."

We may add to the above the warm congratulations of the Canadian profession on the union of the two old associations, and the happy thought of electing as President, Dr. Fillebrown, whose well-known "power of suggestion" will be sure to convert wrinkles into dimples, and any pains of associative parturition into blissful delight.

Correspondence.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION MEETING IN DUBLIN.

To the Editor of DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL:

Nine years ago, Mr. Editor, I had the pleasure of greeting you at the meeting of the British Dental Association in Dublin, and it renews my pleasure to give you a metaphorical shake of the hand over the ocean, and send you some jottings of our doings. It would be difficult, I think you will admit, to surpass the splendid success of the meeting of 1888; yet great educational and scientific progress has been made in the three kingdoms since then.

In educational matter we have, I think, much reason to congratulate ourselves upon our connection with the Royal College of Surgeons and the General Medical Council. In no possible way does it retard or interfere with whatever is necessary in practical education in dentistry, while it has established for us a higher standard of preliminary examination, and a social tone which every well-meaning practitioner must naturally desire in the interest of his profession.

The preliminary embraces, besides English, Latin, mathematics, comprising arithmetic, algebra as far as simple equations, inclusive; geometry, the subject matters of Euclid, Books I. II. and III., and are of the following optional subjects: Greek, French, German, Italian, any other modern language, and logic.

The professional education consists of instruction in the principles of general surgery and medicine, as well as in dentistry. The apprenticeship system of three years is retained, because it has been proved to be of great practical value, and I may say of ethical value to registered students, giving them an insight to the methods of office practice and conduct, and an unbroken curriculum from year to year. The professional education extends over four full years. The examinations which lead to the diploma from the Royal College of Surgeons, are divided into preliminary science, the first professional and the second professional. The