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### ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE RETIRING PRESIDENT.\*

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GENTLEMEN,—It is a pleasure to greet so many whose faces are familiar, and some who have not hitherto graced our convention with their presence. We also welcome our friends from the United States, who will contribute largely to the interest of the occasion.

Notwithstanding all the obstacles that have been thrown in the way of progress, we find that each year has developed some advance of the preceding one, and to-day the dental profession in Nova Scotia has won for itself the respect and confidence of the public.

We may certainly congratulate ourselves upon having secured an Act of Parliament that places the profession under proper control, and is an immense step in advance of the voluntary unincorporated associations for the administration of justice toward both public and dentists.

The Act is not perfect, but after its revision at next session of parliament it will doubtless be greatly improved. No law can be made which will prevent those from offending against its provisions who desire so to do; but such men must submit to be measured by the law in the hands of an intelligent public, and are estimated at their true value. The same rule applies to those who violate the

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