

This excellent system is recommended and fully carried out by our Model Schools, and it has proved both beneficial and effective.

Profiting, therefore, from the experience of others, we pursued this course in our lectures to the Students the past session, and with the most happy results as to its utility.

I trust that the old custom of learning the art of Dentistry, without what is commonly called "book knowledge," is fast becoming obsolete; and the more the members of the profession are brought together to discuss odontalgia, the more apparent it appears that there has been, and still is, a great deficiency in that respect.

If such men as Bond, Harris, Taft, Tome, and many others, consider Dentistry of sufficient importance to devote their time, talents and means to writing volumes upon volumes, filled with learned and scientific disquisitions to elucidate it and advance it as an art, and to enoble it as a science, surely we ought, at least, to be liberal enough to give some portion of our time to *study*; and to endeavour, so far as we are able, "to follow in the footsteps of our illustrious predecessors."

The most valuable works now extant emanate almost wholly from American Dentists, who, it is well known, stand at the head of the profession of the world—and it is through their untiring zeal and indefatigable labor that they have attained this enviable position.

There are, besides, eight Dental Colleges under successful management in the United States at the present time. And when we consider the improvements made, the books that are written, and the schools established by our brothers across the lines, which assist so materially to enhance the value of Dentistry, and reveal its mysteries, it is quite time we sought to emulate their deeds and follow their example. For, according to the present status, it shows most conclusively that the Dental Profession of Canada, in point of literary acquirements, is far below the standard requisite for an enlightened and progressive people.

It is, therefore, the desire and aim of the promoters of the Canada College of Dentistry—and, I trust, *all others* who are interested in Dental education—to assist to raise the profession to a proper degree of respectability, and remove, as far as possible, the odium that rests upon it.

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