

the College, they have had made by the well-known artist, J. W. L. Forster, Esq., life-size crayon portraits of the past Presidents and the present President, and the Dean of the Faculty, and these now adorn the walls of the Board room. Since the profession was incorporated in 1868, 726 certificates of license have been granted by the directors; of these 21 are not in the Province, 77 have died, 83 have removed or ceased practice, and 545 are now resident practitioners.

Since very early in our corporate history, 1872, an entrance examination has been required of dental students. In 1878 the certificate of the Education Department was substituted and since that time no entrance examination has been held by the College. The standard has been raised from time to time until now it is matriculation in the faculty of Arts of a Canadian or other recognized University, or an equivalent certificate issued by the Education Department of Ontario. In this matter we may fairly claim to lead the dental colleges of the world.

Closely associated with the incorporation of the profession was the question of a School of Dentistry. At the first meeting of the directors this matter was the subject of discussion. In August, 1868, appeared the announcement of the "Canada College of Dentistry," Toronto, a private undertaking, but so far as I can learn, it never materialized. In October, 1869, the teaching department of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons was organized, and commenced operations. At the close of the first session the directors were financially embarrassed, and the staff was disbanded and the school closed. At the meeting of the Ontario Dental Society held in Hamilton, July, 1875, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"In view of the admitted want of a dental school in this Province, this Society earnestly recommend to the Board of Directors of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, as soon as possible, to avail themselves of the powers given them by the amended Dental Act, and take the necessary steps to establish a School of Dentistry in Toronto, and to aid it by such appropriation of funds as in their judgment may be expedient."

On receipt of this resolution the directors of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, after some hesitation, decided to take the necessary steps to establish a school, and requested Dr. J. B. Willmott and Dr. Luke Teskey to undertake the task, the conditions being that the directors should assume no financial liability beyond any grant which might be voted in aid of the school. These gentlemen gave the matter long and serious consideration, and finally accepted the commission on the terms prescribed by the directors, conditioned on their granting \$250.00 for furnishing, \$150.00 per annum for rent, and that not less than eight students would promise to attend the first session.