

## TO THE PROFESSION IN ONTARIO.

Success has marked every effort thus far put forth for the elevation of our specialty, in this the empire Province of the Dominion.

Sixty members of the profession have, in the short space of one year, identified themselves with the Association organized in Toronto, January, 1867. Several others attended the meeting in Toronto in January, 1868, and signed the petition asking for the Act respecting dentistry. Under this Act over forty licenses have been granted; about thirty to members of the Association, and the balance to worthy members of the profession, who have as yet been unable to attend at the Association meetings.

Soon after the Association had obtained a *status*, an invitation was extended to it to send delegates to a meeting of the Medical Alumni Association of Victoria University, to be held in Yorkville. J. O'Donnell, L.D.S., of Peterboro, and R. Trotter, L.D.S., of Brampton, attended as representatives of our Association, and as such were introduced to a meeting of one hundred physicians, including delegates from Montreal and New York, when they presented an address from our profession setting forth the objects of our organization, creditable alike to us and to themselves as delegates. The address was referred to a committee, and the object set forth in it approved of by a resolution of the meeting.

The labor of presenting our cause before the public, and of securing the passage of the present law, has devolved upon a few.

The profession at large have but a faint idea of the expense borne by some, compared with which the twenty dollars for a license, and the three dollars for this journal, sink into insignificance. Several have each contributed cheerfully, from one hundred to two hundred dollars, in time and expense. Let no dentist or student, wishing to become one, now shrink from promptly supporting this journal, the organ, not as some suppose, of the Board only, but of the *whole profession of the Dominion*.

When we had no organ, and no means of communication, Mr. Beers came forward and, at his own expense, established this journal in our interest. He depended partly upon advertisers—they have met his expectation: partly upon subscribers—let us not be wanting in this small amount. It is hoped no local feeling will be allowed to influence Ontario dentists prejudicial to the interests of this enterprise. *Canada* can only support one journal at present.

This number of the journal is sent to every dentist in the Dominion whose address can be obtained; on the receipt of which we hope every Ontario dentist will remit the amount of his subscription *at once*.

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