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Mr. James Parkinson, the retiring President, then delivered his valedictory address. After reviewing the financial statement, and speaking in the warmest terms of the obligation the Society were under to Mr. Harrison, their Treasurer, not only for the way in which he had performed the *duties* of his office, but for the care and attention he bestows on the interests of the Society at *all* times, he spoke feelingly of the loss the Society had sustained by the deaths of three members—Mr. Fox, of Barnstaple, Mr. Winterbottom, and Mr. Josiah Saunders. He then alluded to the great services rendered to the Society by the retiring Librarian, Mr. Fletcher, whose loss was only compensated for by the reflection that in Mr. Coleman he possessed a successor whose talents, education, and unwearied industry, eminently qualified him for such an office. He then reminded the Society of Mr. Ibbetson's munificent gift of a gold medal to the value of twenty guineas, to be awarded to the best essay on "The Historical Structure of the Human Teeth." He then spoke of the onerous duties of the secretaries of the Society. He regretted the retirement of Mr. Drew who, for a period of three years had diligently and intelligently laboured for the honour and welfare of the Society; but congratulated the members on the election of Mr. Sercombe, in whom they would have the right man in the right place. He alluded to the exertions of Mr. Fox on their behalf, thanking him especially for the attentive consideration he had always given to the wishes of the President; as Mr. Fox still held office he would say no more. To Mr. Charles Rogers, the Hon. Foreign Secretary, he offered his kind thanks for the services he had rendered to the Society during his past official career. He then spoke rather severely of certain gentlemen who retired from the Society without paying the arrears of their subscription, and pointed out that in such cases they could not be considered to have retired, but placed themselves in the position of having their names erased from the list as defaulters. He then reviewed the papers of the past year, and ended by expressing his thanks to the Council and the members of the Society for the support he had received during his year of office.

A vote of thanks to the retiring President having been then proposed by Mr. Thomas Rogers, and carried unanimously.

Mr. James Parkinson briefly acknowledged it, and the Society adjourned.—*British Journal of Dental Science.*