

ducted by experts beyond the control of the Dental Boards, and it is now impossible to evade it. Without an immediate prospect of establishing a college, the method of study was modelled chiefly upon the British system of apprenticeship, and compulsory attendance upon special lectures in medical schools. This indentureship had many advantages, which no college course could ever supplant. It had disadvantages which only a college course could remove. It worked uncommonly well when the student found a skilled and faithful tutor. It worked uncommonly bad when the reverse was the case. No doubt there are brilliant people around, who think that if they had been on hand, Rome could have been built in a day; but the "bazoo" is not a national instrument in Canada, and if there were such self-confident architects in our profession they did not file an appearance and our profession made haste slowly. The studentship was made to cover the twelve months of four successive years. Certified tickets of dissection and of regular attendance upon the medical lectures was demanded. When the first college was organized in Toronto, compulsory attendance was required. The difficulties in the way were gradually removed. The "bazoo" was never blown. It is not the fashion of the country. We do not expect to set the St. Lawrence on fire, but we hope to do good work in our own sphere for our Dominion, and are perfectly willing to believe that our good cousins over the border can largely supplement for our students, from their greater resources, all that we can do towards clinical and practical instruction.

One resolution in particular affects Canada as directly as any State in the American Union. We cannot too emphatically express our gratitude for the generosity of our neighbors in according to us one form of annexation, which is much more popular than the political. We refer to the admission of Canadian colleges to the privileges of the National Association of Dental Faculties. By this thoroughly kind action the degree of D.D.S. of the University of Toronto, and we hope to add some day that of the Province of Quebec, is as acceptable for practice as that of the American colleges. It widens the scope for our students, though we hope they will all find fields in our own Dominion. It will be observed that the Association now demands the approval and indorsement of the Boards of Examiners where the colleges are located, in order to secure membership. The chances of factious opposition are thus destroyed, as students will not care for degrees which are not recognized as equivalent to those of the best colleges, and the Boards will not likely indorse rival institutions founded for no other reason than miserable jealousy or spite.

The National Association of Dental Faculties has merited the utmost confidence of the profession. It has the future of Dentistry *on this continent* in its keeping. Its enemies, if there are any, must be the enemies of moral ethics, as well as of professional progress.