

Members appointed to the Dental Board were Drs. A. C. Cogswell, J. A. Merrill, and F. W. Ryan. Members appointed to the Executive Committee—Drs. G. K. Thomson, A. J. McKenna, A. C. Harding, E. N. Payzant, and J. A. Johnson.

The report of the Provincial Dental Board was then read as given below :—

WOLFVILLE, N.S., August 24th, 1897.

To the Dental Association of Nova Scotia :

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN,—The Report of the Dental Board for the year ending August 24th, 1897, is respectfully submitted.

The Dental law has been enforced during the year, and has, with a few exceptions, been respected by the profession and public.

The legislation was not secured too soon. The Dental profession in the various States of the Union have been raising their standards of qualification, and every Province in the Dominion has a Dental law. For years steady enquiry has been made respecting the terms of our Act, and if our law had not been a workable and good one, Nova Scotia would have been overrun with men who could not qualify elsewhere.

It is well within the truth to state that since 1891 about one hundred persons have, by letter or verbally, expressed to the Secretary a desire to practice dentistry in Nova Scotia, who have not chosen to comply with the requirements of the law, and therefore could not practice.

Every facility has been granted for the registration of qualified persons. The case of Cogswell vs. Matheson has, through some legal technicalities, been postponed, but will, without doubt, be tried in the October term of the Supreme Court at Pictou ; other cases of illegal practice have been reported which will be dealt with without unnecessary delay.

DENTAL REGISTER.

The Register has been published in the *Royal Gazette* as the law directs, also in the "Transactions" for 1896, and Belcher's Almanac. Copies of the Transactions containing the Register were sent to every dentist in the Province.

Number of names on the Register August 24th, 1897, seventy-five. No members of the Association have died this year.

Five students have passed the Matriculation Examination as follows :—

Arthur M. Shaw, Middleton, Dr. Crocker, Preceptor.

Albert O. Sproul, Parrsboro'.

Jeremiah S. Clarke, Wolfville, Dr. A. J. McKenna, Preceptor.

H. Ernest Morris, Wallace, Dr. E. L. Fuller, Preceptor.

Clarence N. Davis, Wolfville, Dr. A. J. McKenna, Preceptor.