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### NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION.

We have much pleasure in giving in this issue all the papers read at the annual meeting of our Nova Scotia Association—a hint to our other Provinces.

#### Dentistry: Past, Present and Future.

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*Mr. President and Gentlemen:*

I have chosen for my paper, to be read before your second annual Dental Association meeting, this subject, "Dentistry: Past, Present and Future."

Possibly you will indulge me by allowing one who has devoted the past forty years of his life in introducing in this paper some personal reminiscences and experiences during the past two decades in connection with dentistry. While I desire to refer to the profession in the past, present and future, I may be allowed to review from journals, periodicals and memory, some things that may be of interest to many in the profession. I must remind you, however, that those starting now in the practice of dentistry have far greater advantages and opportunities than those of my day, forty years ago, and, from this standpoint, we may look to the future for greater advancement than in the past, and "from those who have much, much will be required."

Of the remote past, history has given us little light on the methods adopted many centuries ago to alleviate pain and suffering caused from diseased teeth. Some 460 years B.C., Hippo-