

The certificates of membership are filled up, and as soon as the signatures of the late president, and late corresponding secretary, can be obtained, which will be in the course of a few weeks, they will be forwarded to all the members, *incipient*, *active*, and *honorary*. It is hoped that the members will remit the small annual fee to the treasurer, L. Clements, L. D. S., Kingston, without delay, as a few old accounts, audited by the Hamilton session, have not been paid. The annual fee added to the subscription to the *Journal*, is only four dollars, the amount formerly paid by each member.

The Association has been successful in carrying a bill through the Legislature. The work that most thought would require five years to accomplish, has been done in less than half that time. This affords us cause for congratulation. On the other hand, the country and the profession have been taken almost by surprise. They are yet hardly prepared for the new order of things, and a little time must elapse before the prejudices of the public and the profession will subside.

In our own province, the medical profession are willing to recognise us as a branch of the healing art. In the province of Quebec, the profession of dentistry is looked upon by medical gentlemen, in many instances, as a thing beneath their notice. The recent organization of the "Dental Association of the Province of Quebec," will soon place our profession there in its proper form before other professions and the public.

Heretofore much time has been occupied at our meetings with business and criticisms upon matters that will not in future require attention. The *great* object, mutual improvement, can now receive more attention. It is hoped that members will not lose sight of the fact, that we now have a recognized organization, and that our strength lies in our being united. So far as the writer is concerned, he is desirous of retiring from the duties of his office, for two reasons: first, for want of time to attend to it properly; second, that the youngest member of the Association may feel that the older members do not desire to monopolize the offices.

Knowing that the formation of any other organization for the province, although, perhaps, not intended as antagonistic, would so be regarded by the public, the writer is willing to make any and every sacrifice, in reason, that this may be avoided, and that unanimity may prevail among us. Dentists of twenty years practice may feel, perhaps, out of place under officers of six to ten years standing; but such considerations are of no moment compared with the importance of sustaining the standing of the profession at home and abroad.

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