

The PRESIDENT—There are some letters here from some of the old members which Dr. Marshall will read.

Dr. MARSHALL read communications from old members.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting opened at two o'clock.

The PRESIDENT—Dr. J. B. Willmott will address you in a few words.

Dr. WILLMOTT said :

*Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Ontario Dental Society,*—I have asked permission of the President to be allowed to introduce to this Society Prof. Black of the city of Chicago. (Applause.) To all those who are familiar with the "American System of Dentistry," Dr. Black's name is a household word to all those who have been keeping track in any way of the literature of the profession in the last twenty years. The work which Dr. Black has done for the profession is not so well known as his name. I sometimes tell my class that knowledge is divided into two sections. Those who have eyes and see not; those who have eyes and use them; those who have ears and hear not, and those who have ears and use them, the first section immensely outnumbering the second. In other words, that we have in the community a very few observing people. A very small percentage of the entire community have anything of the faculty developed, which might be spoken of correctly as the observing faculty. A few have this faculty by nature, and they develop it by exercise until they have become of inestimable value to their fellows. Dr. Black emphatically belongs to this last class. A man who has eyes and has used them all his life; who has never come across a phenomenon in which he was not moved by an irresistible impulse to enquire into and determine its origin and cause, and, as a consequence, he has become known to the scientific as an original investigator. His work has not been confined by any means to this question of amalgam, in which he has made its physical properties a study for a good many years, but in the realms of bacteriology, histology and physiology Dr. Black's name is quite as well known as it is on the question of amalgams. I esteem it a very great pleasure that the members of the Dental Society are permitted to attend a meeting in which Dr. Black is going to give us the result of his observations and experiments with reference to amalgams. Dr. Black met the members of the Toronto Dental Society on Wednesday evening and we filled thirty steel tubes, and these have been under constant