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**Vermont State Dental Association.—Address of the
President, Dr. W. H. Wright.**

Gentlemen of the Vermont State Dental Society :

Custom has made it a part of the duties of your presiding officer to make a formal address at the annual meeting. This must be my excuse, if one is needed, for occupying any portion of your valuable time in listening to me, which might be more profitably given to others. But we are here to exchange ideas about our profession, and to advance its power as an aid to the welfare of our fellowmen. Any contribution, however small, which may be made to this object, from the experience and reflection of years of practice, will be in the line of a promotion of the object of our meeting. I am fully aware that your kindness in electing me as your President confers neither the right nor the ability for me to assume to lecture you on your duties, or to speak to you as from the height of superior wisdom. Nor does the place nor the occasion call for ambitious discourse. I can only speak to you as a brother, interested with you all in whatever may promote the good of our chosen profession, and make it more deserving of public confidence. Much of our time here is necessarily taken up with the discussion of the scientific details of our work. This is right, for a closer attention to these secures perfection of results. But it is also well in any work to keep in mind its broader aspects, and to cultivate in ourselves that professional spirit which dignifies detail with the largeness of a worthy purpose.