

demands from ignorant and arrogant patients, thereby lowering the status of the profession in the estimation of a portion of the public. Is there any pecuniary benefit accruing from such conduct? I question very much that there is; at all events it is but temporary; it cannot be lasting, as it taxes the dentist sorely. Each succeeding class of graduates from our college show an increasing tendency to elevate the standard of our profession, and greater harmony exists with regard to their conduct towards the public. May the spirit of co-operation go on increasing, then a uniform attitude towards our patients will certainly result, and be a benefit to all concerned. Let us continue our assemblies with increased numbers and enthusiasm. Crush out the feelings of jealousy that sometimes arise. Let us applaud the meritorious, and give full credit to those who show superiority of skill and evidence of inventive genius. We should show gratitude for their efforts, no matter how feeble they may be. There is always something to learn from those who contribute. If one cannot excel, he can at least attain equal proficiency to those with whom he associates, by conversation and observation. We should not look forward to our meeting as a task on our time and resources, but rather as a pleasant outing, a pleasing reunion, a happy meeting, and genuine recreation.

At this anniversary meeting I cannot refrain from expressing my gratitude and feeling appreciation, for the kindness shown to me by the members of this Association, and for the honors repeatedly conferred upon me. I know my incompetency to fulfil your desires as a representative; I feel my inability to represent you as you deserve; but, be assured, I have acted conscientiously in my endeavors to fulfil the trust confided to me.

Out of the many well educated graduates now joining our ranks, a better qualified representative will no doubt be chosen for the future, that our rights will continue to be guarded and protected with increased energy and ability.

Officers were elected as follows: President, J. H. Parnell, Ottawa, re-elected; Vice-President, C. J. Brace, Brockville; Secretary-Treasurer, J. C. Bower, Ottawa.

Dr. Beacock read a paper on "Caries," which was discussed.

One feature of the meeting was to draft resolutions petitioning the Board of Directors to amend the Dental Act.

A number of papers are promised for next year's meeting.

Anticipating from the circular that a lively and important discussion would follow, we engaged two stenographic reporters, intending to give a complete report of the proceedings. As it was apparent that a good deal of misapprehension existed, and as the