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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, NEW BRUNSWICK DENTAL ASSOCIATION.

GENTLEMEN,—In welcoming you to the eighth annual meeting of the Dental Association of New Brunswick, for social and fraternal intercourse, as well as for the study and discussion of subjects pertaining to the welfare of our chosen profession, there is such a multiplicity of subjects which suggest themselves to my mind as suitable to refer to, that it is no easy matter to decide which would be of the greater importance for our consideration, or which might with less loss be left unmentioned.

The events which have transpired during the last four months here aided very materially in determining the trend my thoughts have taken; for the year of grace 1897 might very aptly be termed, in so far as all British subjects are concerned, "a year of retrospect."

From every quarter of an empire, surpassing in magnitude and importance any that the world has ever known and upon which the light of day is constant, have been going up songs and shouts of rejoicing and gladness that an All-Wise Designer has permitted a sovereign lady to rule for the unprecedented term of threescore years. Of itself the long term of years would prove but small cause for rejoicing were it not for the fact that they had proved years of usefulness, years of progress and enlightenment in the arts and sciences; years which have witnessed unrivalled advancement in the solution of social, political and moral problems, and which have found freedom of thought, of action, and of utterance, throughout this empire, in a manner never before realized by the nations of the earth. They have taught us by an object lesson to