

largely attended and the organization completed. At the third meeting held in Toronto, January, 1868, eighty per cent. of the legitimate dentists of the Province were present. The credit for this successful attempt to organize the profession is largely due to Messrs. B. W. Day, J. S. Scott, F. G. Callender, John O'Donnell, G. V. N. Relyea, C. S. Chittenden and H. T. Wood. Of these Dr. H. T. Wood, Toronto, is still an honored and active member of the Ontario Dental Society, while our venerable friend, Dr. Relyea, is an active member of the Sixth District Dental Society of New York State. The others are gone over to the great majority or are engaged in other occupations.

As the result of misunderstanding and personal grievances, a number of members of the Ontario Dental Association withdrew, and in October, 1868, organized the Ontario Society of Dentists for the specific purpose of discussing professional subjects. In 1869 the two societies united under the title of the Union Dental Association of Ontario, enrolling a large percentage of those legally engaged in practice. With the exception of three years the society has held annual meetings, at which a fair percentage of the licentiates have attended, with profit to themselves and advantage to the profession. From time to time local societies have been organized, so that these now exist in all the principal cities, as well as a vigorous "Eastern Dental Society," embracing the section of country lying east and north of the city of Kingston. It is to be regretted that the membership in the societies has not increased in ratio with the increase in the number of practitioners. Possibly the younger members have been crammed so full of information at college that they have no capacity for further instruction. One of the immediate results of the organization of the Dental Association in 1867 was an agitation for statutory incorporation. This movement was materially assisted by the members of the Medical Council and the heads of the Medical Schools in Toronto. After much consideration a draft statute was approved by the Association in January, 1868, and a petition for its enactment presented to the Legislature of Ontario then in session. The time was opportune; the Legislature was favorable; public opinion approved; the only difficulty lay in adjusting legislation to the personal views and interests of each of the two hundred dentists of the Province. This difficulty seriously endangered the bill. Many dentists had friends in Parliament, and several of these were ready with amendments to cover the private interests of constituents. Conferences were held, compromises suggested, finally an agreement reached and on the last day of the session the bill was read a third time and passed. On the 4th of March, 1868, amid the usual beating of drums and salvos of artillery, the Lieut.-Governor, Sir William Howland, presented the new-born corporate infant to the public, bestowing