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### Retiring President's Address.\*

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GENTLEMEN,—As President of our Society, I welcome you to this our seventh annual gathering, and in doing so I am very much gratified in seeing such a good attendance, and hope to see the day when all the dentists of Ontario will be members of our Society.

This meeting is a decided improvement on the one held last year in the city of Kingston, which, I am sorry to say, was poorly attended. The union meeting of the Eastern and Ontario Dental Societies was, so far as numbers were concerned, creditable, but the Ontario meeting itself was very meagre in attendance. Nevertheless some very good papers were read, and the discussions thereon were interesting and profitable.

As our programme is rather a lengthy one, I will not detain you with a long address, but there are a few matters to which I wish to allude.

One point of great importance on which I will speak, is the lack of interest exhibited by a great many members of our profession, as shown by their absence at our meetings. Our Society is now on a good basis; still there is not so much interest taken in our gatherings as in years gone by. The principal fault is, that there are too many dentists in Ontario who are indifferent about attending the meetings. Some who were formerly useful members of the Society have, I regret to say, passed over to the great majority; others, of the older practitioners seldom come, or have ceased to attend altogether for reasons best known to themselves, while a

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