

1. I was very nervous during the time—a little sick—I fancy most of us were. At the time I felt very sore, and, of course, thought any questions I was unable to answer were questions that should not have been asked. To make a long story short, I was “plucked,” though I had spent one session at a Dental College in the United States, studied hard at home, using the best of materials, etc. Of course I thought of my wife and five youngsters at home, and of the grief it would be to my wife.

2. My conviction now is that I got my deserts, and that I deserved to be “plucked.” It does seem to me very hard that such useless questions (to a dentist) should be given on chemistry, but upon the anatomy of the head—my hardest difficulty to overcome—etc., I think it very right that a student should be well grounded.

3. The result to me has been that I have gained twelve months more good knowledge, which will last me my life; makes me enjoy conversation or reading on professional subjects: increases my respect for the profession and for the Ontario Board, who are being abused, but who are doing a great work to elevate Dentistry and to make it worthy of the name of a profession.

Whether I will really appear again I do not know, but this I say, to me personally, my rejection has stirred me to deeper study. I have made ten times the progress I would have made had I been passed, and have more confidence in my own skill. I confess I felt it hard and having spent a great deal of money, and being oppressed with difficulties, wish I had my license, but I am fixed in my resolve to succeed, and have been made by my rejection a better student and practical Dentist.

Having attended College in the United States I can testify that there many young men are taught to run before they are taught to creep—that is, they are taught to fill teeth and operate generally, as the first thing, and no ambition created to enforce theory. The Ontario examination begins at the right end.

Yours, &c.,

A REJECTED ONE.

*Memo.*—We are obliged to hold over two promised contributions for the next number. We give our subscribers *eight pages* more in this number than we agreed to.