

completion of another year of successful labor in their chosen work of dental education. It is of special interest to the graduating class of this institution, as it brings to them the first fruits of the rewards of anxious days and nights of toil. But while of some special interest to these, it is by no means devoid of interest to the citizens of Ontario generally. By the wisdom of her legislators, and the intelligence and liberality of her citizens, Ontario is far in advance of her sister provinces in the advantages which she offers the student in every branch of literature, science and art.

In the past, some of our students in dentistry have been indebted for their instruction to colleges of American cities of earlier birth and more mature development. Now we receive didactic instruction in the Royal College of Dental Surgeons, equal to any that can be obtained on this continent, and if some features are not, as yet, so efficiently illustrated as in colleges in the States, we must remember that one of those colleges has just passed its fiftieth year, and others have had thirty and forty years of existence as richly endowed institutions in large and populous States, while our college is just commencing to spread its wings. And yet not one of these colleges has, so far, exacted the high standard of matriculation, or conditions of studentship, demanded of students in Ontario.

To my fellow-graduates permit me, sir, to say something in addition to the words of wisdom and encouragement, and the very excellent and appropriate suggestions addressed to us by Dr. Wood on behalf of the Board.

During our college course, I know of not one feud or estrangement to cause regret or mar the pleasant memories of the months we have spent together.

If our intercourse in the future with one another and with our brother practitioners be marked by the same good feeling and courtesy, the same willingness to learn, the same readiness to impart, which has characterized our college life, we will be more honest to ourselves and our patients, and to the noble profession in which we have been educated.

In entering on our professional career we should aim to excel; those who excel always have room and to spare. Let us, then, as we go forth from this hall, not rest satisfied with what we have already attained, but, using that as a stepping-stone, endeavor, by