

they are compelled by pain to have them extracted. The consequence is that before the younger members of such families arrive at the age of twenty, their teeth are a mass of corruption and decay, and have to be removed and replaced by artificial ones; when if they had been properly and regularly attended to by a skilful and honest dentist, with the necessary cleansing, they might have been preserved till an advanced age, and their constitutions saved from the injurious effects which always follow much suffering and disease from dental caries.

The question may be asked what is to be done to obviate this state of things. I would say, inform the people in matters pertaining to the well-being of the truth, through the medium of the press, popular essays on Dentistry, &c., and, above all, turn out none but honest and competent dentists, who will perform successful and skilful operations. Therefore the condition of the profession in Canada has been unfavourable to its efficiency.

There has been no regular system of Dental Education, and I am sorry to say that some of the older members, irrespective of the interests of the profession or that of the public, have made the manufacture of dentists, in a few months, for an important pecuniary consideration, an important branch of their business, to the great discredit of the profession, and injury to the public. But a better state of things has dawned upon us. We have now, by means of association, established a professional sentiment, and no dentist, claiming any respectability as a practitioner, will act contrary to what is considered proper professional conduct; and we have now the authority and power to require that all desiring to enter the profession, be qualified by a proper education and training; and upon this Association and the Dental Board of examiners rests the responsibility of the future elevation and prosperity of our calling.

If we be true to our position by creating and maintaining a proper professional sentiment, and requiring all to possess integrity and knowledge before undertaking the practice of dentistry, our success is certain, the profession will be elevated, and the public will be greatly benefitted.—While I am prepared to cordially extend all due credit to those who have been prominent in the efforts that have been made for our advancement, I most sincerely regret that the old man, Adam, has shown himself as much as he has. Selfishness, the great bane and curse of humanity, that ruthless monster, which has robbed the widow and the orphan; which has caused rivers of human blood to flow; which has prostituted, in many instances, God's own institution on earth, the Church; produced anarchy and confusion in the state, and caused miseries which no man could number, has obtained a little too much. For the interest of the profession,