

mon occurrence that cases which a dentist could dispose of with the greatest ease are rendered not only formidable, but frequently dangerous, for the want of proper instruments. Medical students have come to regard the extraction of teeth as their legitimate department of surgery even before they have begun to learn 'surgery'; and it is a fact that they enter upon it without tuition, and are extended a license which would not be permitted for an instant with other diseases of the body, however slight."

The above extract is as applicable to-day as when it was written, and I need not amplify it. Suffice it to say, that at that time I brought the matter before the late Dr. Fraser and Mr. Wm. Lunn, with a proposal to appoint to the Montreal General Hospital six dentists, one for each working day. Dr. Robert A. Alloway had actually been rendering his services to the Hospital, as he has since to the Dispensary, in a full and generous manner, but there had been no appointment, and the voluntary work he assumed became a heavy, personal burden.

I may say here, that there is scarcely an hospital in Europe without a regularly appointed dentist. I visited the special institutions in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool, Plymouth, London, Dublin, &c. The Dental Hospital of London is incorporated with the London School of Dental Surgery, has two consulting dentists, and a dentist and assistant for every working day, besides six administrators of anæsthetics and two demonstrators. Students pay a fee of £31 10s., which handsomely compensates the operators for gratuitous services given the poor. The National Dental Hospital has also a college, with as large an hospital staff; charges students £7 7s., and £12 12s. for six months' attendance. All the institutions I visited have a dentist for each working day, and all charge fees to students. In brief, these bodies are teaching corporations, and in no sense purely charitable. At Guy's Hospital there are two dental surgeons' dressers; the senior dental surgeon receives £40 a year. London, St. George's, University, King's and Charing Cross Hospitals have only one dentist each. At St. Bartholomew's there are four, and an annual sum of £250