

PROCEEDINGS OF DENTAL SOCIETIES.

ONTARIO SOCIETY OF DENTISTS.

A meeting of Dentists was held at the Rossin House, Toronto, October 13, 1868, for the purpose of organizing a society for the discussion of scientific and practical professional subjects, and matters pertaining to the general interests of dentistry.

Mr. J. W. Elliot was appointed Chairman, and

Mr. R. G. Trotter, Secretary.

Mr. Chittenden said he considered it very desirable to proceed at once to organise a society for mutual improvement and the discussion of dental subjects.

A. C. Stone acquiesced in what was said by Mr. Chittenden.

Moved by W. C. Adams, seconded by J. C. McCausland :

That we proceed at once to organize a society.—Carried.

Moved by R. Trotter, Guelph, seconded by M. E. Snider :

That the Society be called "The Ontario Society of Dentists."—Carried.

The following officers were then elected :—

A. C. Stone, M.D., London, President; J. W. Elliot, 1st Vice-President; C. S. Chittenden, 3rd Vice-President; R. Trotter, Guelph, Recording Secretary; D. Pentland, Corresponding Secretary; W. C. Adams, Treasurer; Messrs. Snider, McCausland, and R. G. Trotter, Executive Committee.

After which, on motion, the subject of extraction of temporary teeth was taken up for discussion.

Mr. Chittenden considered it a matter of great importance, and one in which most parents were interested. He said those teeth were often extracted as soon as they give pain; a practice which he considered very wrong. They may be filled so as to preserve them till the time for the eruption of the permanent ones. If the nerves are exposed he treats them and afterwards fills. Considers the premature removal of the temporary teeth shortens the jaws and causes the permanent teeth to be irregular.

J. W. Elliot thought it important that temporary teeth should be preserved till the proper time for their removal, but at the same time considered that they were often kept too long. Is influenced in removal of the temporary by the state of development of the permanent teeth.