



DR. WILLMOTT, Dean.

to dedicate to thee, and abundantly bless those whose liberality has provided it. Bless us all with the knowledge of thy will in this life, with a heart to serve thee faithfully, and receive us at last into thy heavenly kingdom. Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Dr. HUSBAND — It is with pleasure I introduce to this audience Dr. J. B. Willmott, Dean of the Faculty, who will read a paper, "Review of Dentistry in Ontario." It is not necessary for me to say anything in intro-

ducing Dr. J. B. Willmott to the dental profession, as he is well known to all.

Dr. J. B. WILLMOTT, whose name was received with applause, read the following paper:

REVIEW OF DENTISTRY IN ONTARIO.

The opening of this substantial building with its magnificent equipment, owned by the dental profession of Ontario, would seem to be a fitting time to look backward and briefly trace the development of dentistry in this Province.

In the beginning, dentistry as a profession in the Province of Ontario was "without form and void." That beginning does not date back more than fifty years, 1846. At that time there were probably six persons in the Province engaged in the practice of dentistry, all either from England or the United States. These increased, partly by immigration, and more largely by a brief apprenticeship of from three to twelve months in the office of a practitioner, so that by 1866, when organization first began to be discussed, the numbers were estimated at 175. In January, 1867, Dr. B. W. Day, of Kingston, invited a number of dentists to meet in Toronto for the purpose of organizing a Dental Association for the Province. The result was so encouraging that another meeting was held in Cobourg in July of the same year, which was more