

For many years I have made a rule of giving patients the preference of operations by the hour, and I find it an admirable plan, especially in the case of children or nervous people who give extra trouble. I quite understand that in a world made up of all sorts of people, there must be great elasticity in our scale of fees; but for real honest skill and experience there are not the rewards in Canada there should be, and it is no surprise to find some of our best men leaving us or our ranks. I believe Canadian dentistry is equal to any in the world. There is nothing done in any department in any country that cannot be as well done in our Dominion; but the question of remuneration is a mighty casuist, and men are rare who do their best when poorly paid. Materials cost us more in Canada than over the border. We have many difficulties to contend with. But the chief among sinners is the dentist who cheapens his services, not because he knows them to be inferior, but because he finds it a profitable catch-penny. The profession in Ontario now occupies a position second to none, thanks to the action of the University of Toronto. I must conclude by saying that the journal which preceded the *DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL* did an enduring service to the profession, in the high stand it always took respecting the dignity of the profession in Canada; and we are profiting to-day, every man of us, and our students, by the noble work of those who were the pioneers. That history cannot be revoked; the future is in our hands to-day. Let us not pull it down again by reviving jealousies and discord, which ought to have no place, where men are sincere in their desire to promote dental "science, art and education."

"Head Rests."

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Had Shakespere lived in our time, and been obliged to sit for an hour or more in one of our modern dental chairs, he would probably have felt disposed to parody his own line in *King Henry IV*:

"Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."

I remember when I was a student the big broad rest, that was not only a head rest for the patient, but an arm rest for the operator. I remember the one used by my preceptor, and which his successor has had the good sense and independence to keep and use ever since. It was a grand-father sort of an arrangement, but it was, and still is, a grand old chair, and like Chevalier's lathe—long since abandoned—was one of the most practical ever in use; with no nonsensical gim-cracks and valueless embellishments,