

2. The question of jury duty.
3. The granting of D.D.S. to those members that did not have the opportunity of writing for it.
4. Dominion license.
5. American students working in Canadian offices.

The programme this year, you will notice, varies a little from the usual, but I think you will agree with me in saying, that it is not lacking in attractiveness; and I must say that our secretary is deserving of much praise for the indefatigable manner in which he has worked on this programme, although suffering from illness. And the food you have for thought is different from what you have ever had before presented you at this Association.

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### A WORD FROM AN OLD FRIEND.

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I regret exceedingly that I am unable to be present on this occasion, the eighteenth anniversary of our Association. The pleasant recollections of former meetings, and the particularly hospitable and entertaining receptions always given by our Cornwall brethren, are inducements hard to resist. But in my case the increasing care, and the responsibility of a large family, requires, for the moment, my constant attention and presence at home.

If the attendance at the present meeting shows increase in numbers, if the large addition of licentiates graduated since the inauguration of our Association contribute a reasonable proportion of their number by assisting in active participation, then I hope to see a return of many of the eighteen-year-old members, to add impulse and enthusiasm, and keep in existence an Association which has done so much acknowledged good, and has proven to be a power in our legislature.

I regret that there is a persistent tendency in many dentists to be isolated, to keep aloof from gatherings of professional brethren. Whether they are justified in doing so is best known to themselves, whether they derive greater pecuniary benefit is questionable. Do they generally acquire greater proficiency? By their conduct do they obtain greater public confidence? Does society show them preference? Or, is it because some are prosperous that they see no need of Associations? Or, is it because they do not wish to conform to any code of ethics? Being free from any association rules, do they resort to underhand methods and tricks and fraudulent acts, to temporarily increase their revenue to the detriment of

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\* Read before the Eastern Ontario Dental Association.