

suings their studies in a systematic and legitimate way; in fact the only way to secure a thorough and proficient knowledge of dentistry.

We see on every hand among other professions of the day a certain course of instruction to be followed out, and a certain standard of knowledge to be acquired before the young aspirant is considered competent to enter upon his professional duties, and I therefore consider it incumbent upon us who have passed through the fiery ordeal, and have from long years of hard labour possessed ourselves of experience and opportunities, (now that the way is clear), to immediately establish an institution which will in every respect meet the wants of those who are really thirsting for knowledge, and who are not only willing but eager to drink from the fountain thereof.

Dentistry has long since become necessary towards ameliorating the sufferings of the human family; and considering the growing importance of it as an art, and the increasing demands for the services of the dentist from year to year, it is time, Sir, that the rising dentist should be educated in a manner commensurate with his calling.

We cannot expect, neither do we deserve, to be considered on a par with other professions, until we have instituted a curriculum of studies and appointed a staff of Professors equal in attainments and respectability to other educational institutions.

And I am happy to say that a majority of the Board of Examiners, and a large number of both the medical and dental professions, desire that a college be at once established for the education of young men who purpose to follow dentistry as a profession.

With this encouragement before us a further delay is unnecessary, except to give the student sufficient time to make such preparations as will enable him to be in attendance at the opening of the college. Students will have the privilege of attending both the Medical Colleges of Toronto in connection with the Dental College. Every facility will be given them to thoroughly perfect themselves, not only in dental anatomy but the whole human frame if they desire; and a prompt attendance through the whole session at the dissecting rooms will be expected by the Faculty. By the arrangements we have made, our facilities will equal many of the first class Dental Colleges in the United States, and I beg to say we are particularly fortunate in securing the distinguished services of Prof. Croft, Dr. Berryman and Dr. Rowell—sufficient to show, Mr. Editor, that the best interests of the student have been seriously considered, and I trust that our efforts will fully meet the highest anticipations of all who are interested in the *Canada College of Dentistry*.

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