

men should be able to meet a certain standard of literary qualification, and the standard should be high enough to guarantee an intelligent professional studentship, and culture enough to provide to each a mind well trained to think and capable of grasping the profession in its best sense. In no particular lower the standard, but rather raise it as fast as the facilities for education increase. The High School is at every young man's door. The State has undertaken to provide the present generation with educational advantages and mental training such as the world has never before seen, and dental surgery should demand of men now entering it, the highest necessary preliminary qualifications.

If I am informed correctly, every Board in the Dominion could agree upon a uniform standard of matriculation without great change to any curriculum. Now we come to the length and quality of the term of studentship.

It is my opinion that none of the Provinces exact too long a period. I think four years better than three. The physician can make a greater success on a three years' course than the dental surgeon can.

There are few occupations that require such continued delicacy and precision of manipulation, and this can only be acquired by practice.

Some Boards require that after matriculation the student shall sign articles with some registered practitioner, and shall by this ensure attention, and practical tuition in operative and mechanical dentistry which might not be given him under such a system as prevails in this province at present. It can readily be seen that while we require a three years' studentship and ask for proof of it, in a large number of cases we shall not be able to trace it, and there will be a great tendency to waste the time between college terms, with only nominal connection with some dental office. In Ontario and some other Provinces the student is compelled by his agreement to spend all his time in either office or college. This should secure the best results. It gives the college lecture and clinic and office practice their proper place. We could, with great benefit to the profession, to students, and satisfaction to ourselves, adopt this method of articling our young men, and thus securing the best results obtainable from this branch of student life.

Next comes the college requirements. Nova Scotia recognizes some thirty dental schools as reputable, and accepts the degrees from them in lieu of professional examination, but we do not accept their matriculation examination, because in most cases it is far below our own standard. Ontario does not recognize *for practice* the degree from any college, not even Toronto University, but compels all students to attend a three years' course in the Royal College of Dental Surgery and confers upon them a license