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## **Dr. James Branston Willmott.**

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We are quite certain that no one will be more surprised to see his counterfeit presentment in this Journal than Dr. Willmott himself; but we need not say that it is a very great pleasure to us to be able to give our readers the portrait of one who has no peer to-day as a real hard worker and representative dental education-alist in Ontario.

Dr. Willmott was born in Halton Co., Ontario, June 15th, 1837. His parents came to Canada from England when quite young. After living a few years in Toronto (then called Little York), they removed with their parents to the central part of Halton County, where they did, faithfully and well, their part in converting the wilderness into a fruitful field. Dr. Willmott had the good fortune to spend his early years on the farm: obtaining his education at the public school. In 1854-55 he was a student at Victoria College, intending to take the University Course in Arts, but he was prevented by failing health. In 1858 he entered the office of Dr. W. C. Adams, as a student of dentistry. In 1860 he began practising in the Town of Milton, near his birth-place. He allied himself with the Liberals in politics from profound conviction, and naturally made foes as well as friends, but no one ever doubted his honesty. He took an active interest in the affairs of the town, and was soon called to a position of trust. In 1863 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace. Besides minor offices he was for three years a member of the Municipal Council; two years of that time,