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GENTLEMEN,—We have assembled once more, after a year's labor, for the purpose of mutual exchange of thought and experience, and for social intercourse. Let us individually see to it that this session is marked by that spirit of good-fellowship and good sense which has characterized the meetings of this association in the past.

Dentistry has become one of the learned professions, and is today recognized as such by the intelligent. It therefore becomes those who are members of an honorable profession, such as ours, to equip and conduct themselves so as to do credit to it.

We must progress in order to hold our standing in a progressive calling, otherwise we will ere long be relegated as "out of date."

Progress is always the reward of effort, but advancement is never attained without effort. Let us, then, be energetic in personal development, and in using our developed resources in the interests of the profession we have entered.

It is lamentable that so few of our members take advantage of such opportunities as the sessions of this association afford for development and equipment, as well as the stimulating of a spirit of fellowship and interestedness in his fellow dentist. Such meetings as this, too, tend to give those who attend a proper appreciation of their duties as members of a society, the dignity and worth of which is judged largely by the deportment and attainments of its individual members.

It has always been so, and we may expect it to remain so, until humanity has evolved to a higher state than it now occupies—that the few must lead the many, and until that state of perfection is

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\* Before Eastern Ontario Dental Association Meeting.