Ontario Dental Society

A meeting was held in the Board of Trade rooms Masonic Temple London Ontario on Thursday June 27th 1889 for the purpose of forming An Ontario Dental Society. There was present a large representation of the Dentists of the Province. Dr Wolverton London took the chair and Dr Davis (of the same place) acted as secretary.

The first business proceeded with was the reception of the report of Doctors Davis, Wolverton, and Abbott, re a code of ethics which was to be subscribed to by each Licentiate prior to being elected a member of the said society. The report was considered seriatim and with some slight amendments almost unanimously adopted.

The following is the code.

1st That every Licentiate before being elected a member of this society shall sign the following.

I solemnly promise that so long as I am a member of this society I

I shall not be guilty of any unprofessional conduct more especially in the manner of advertising—

The following shall be deemed unprofessional advertising;—

1st Hand-bills, or circulars distributed on the streets or through the newspapers

2nd Advertisements in the newspapers offering to do Dental work at certain prices,

3rd Advertising as the only Dentist using certain process or processes either in Operative or Prosthetic Dentistry.

4th Advertising to extract teeth free on certain dates,

5th Advertising by the use of Photographs Lithographs or engravings made from steel, wood or other material.

6th Advertising by the use of Show Cases placed at office door or window or exhibited at public Fairs or in any public place displaying specimens of the work done by the exhibitor.

7th Advertising as being superior to all other Dentists

8th Advertising to do work at reduced rates,

It was on motion carried that the above code can be amended or added too at any regular meeting of the society.
It was also resolved that any member violating the code should be expelled from the society
Prominent members of the Profession resident elsewhere than in Ontario and other persons who have rendered special service to the society or the profession may be elected honorary members by vote of the society.
The election of offices was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—
President – Dr G. C. Davis London
Vice President – Dr A. Pearson Toronto
Treasurer – Dr S. Woolverton London
Secretary – Dr C. O. Snelgrove Toronto,
It was moved by Dr J. B. Willmott seconded by Dr Klotz "That the President, Drs. Fisher, Martin, Beacock and the mover be a committee to draft a suitable resolution relative to the removal by death of Dr C. S. Clutterden and report to a subsequent meeting of

this society — carried,
The following papers were then duly considered by the members: —
Dentistry of Age — Dr J. B. Willmott, Toronto
Aluminium as a base for artifical dentures, Dr A. K. Kipple — Stratford
Progress and future of Dentistry: Dr C. A. Martin. Ottawa,
It was resolved that the society should be called the "Dental Society of Ontario:
The actual membership shall consist of Licentiates who will subscribe to the code of ethics governing the society,
The Honorary members in accordance with resolution submitted and carried,
The officers shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected annually,
The annual fee shall be One Dollar,
That the society shall hold annual meeting time and place to be selected at the previous session of each. On motion the Society adjourned until the following morning.

Friday Morning

On the society reassembling it was moved by Dr J. B. Willmott seconded

by Dr Teskey St Thomas that the expense incurred in connection with the Dental convention be vouched for by President and Secretary and the Treasurer be instructed to pay same from Society's funds – carried.
It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the society in Toronto the Second Wednesday in July and that a committee consisting of the officers of the society and Drs. Caesar Spaulding, Andrews, Frank Adams and Oakley with power to add be empowered to make arrangements for the holding of the same,
The committee appointed to draft resolution re-death of Dr Clattenden reported as follows:—

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Resolution of Condolence
with
Mrs C.S. Clattenden and family
on the death of
C.S. Clattenden L.D.S. M.D.S. D.D.S.

Moved by Dr J. Braunton Willmott
Seconded by Charles A. Martin,

And Resolved,

1st That the members of the Ontario Dental Society have learned with profound sorrow of the death of Dr Curtis Strong Cluttenden of the City of Hamilton on the eighth day of May 1889.

2nd That we embrace the opportunity of our first meeting since the sad event, to place on record our appreciation of the high character of our deceased friend, of his valuable services to the Dental profession extending over a period of forty years, and of his uniform courtesy and kindness to his professional brethren; and to give expression to the profound sense of personal loss and bereavement occasioned by his removal from our midst.

3rd That we convey to Mrs Cluttenden and her family our sincere condolence in their affliction, and assure them