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THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE SOCIETY BY THE PRESIDENT.

DR. J. A. W. DAVIS, GALESBURG, ILL.

Members of the Illinois State Dental Society: Time in its never ceasing flight has brought us to another annual meeting of the Illinois State Dental Society. With the year just closed the Illinois State Dental Society has been fulfilling its mission for just one third of a century. Who can fully estimate the great work in all its varied departments in the elevation and scientific development of the profession in this third of a century? That its work in every way has been very creditable and commendable, I think all who are conversant with its history will readily admit. That it has accomplished all that can be realized for the benefit of the profession of the State at large, no one I think will claim.

In last year's annual address, Dr. Taylor expressed the opinion that the State society was showing signs of indifference or inactivity in the last few years in the line of professional progress. I hardly think the facts will bear out this conclusion. Our transactions have been published right along, and if any one will compare the work of the society in its earlier years with that of the latter, I think it will be found that its work in all departments has been equally as progressive and elevating as any work in its history. The Illinois State Dental Society in every department of its work, from its organization down to the present time will bear a very favorable comparison with any State society in this country. Some have gone so far as to assert that it is the peer of any society in existence.

At no time in the past history of the world has there been so much time, labor and energy devoted to the formation and development of societies for the mutual aid and development of every department of science as at the present.