

## FIRST WOMAN DENTIST IN CANADA

OBITUARY

Mrs. H. Edmond Casgrain who passed away at her residence in the City of Quebec on October 7th, 1934, received a license to practice dentistry in the province of Quebec forty-seven years ago. This was seven years before the first woman qualified for dental practice in Ontario, and she is, therefore, doubtless the first woman licensed for the practice of dentistry in the Dominion of Canada. Mrs. Casgrain retired from active practice in 1922. She was a sister of Dr. S. Gaudreau and was born at Montmagny, P.Q., of the marriage of J.B. Gaudreau and Caroline Letourneau, in 1861. She studied at the Convent of the Ladies of Notre Dame Congregation in that town. In 1878 she was married to Henri Edmond Casgrain, D.D.S., a graduate of 1870 of the Philadelphia Dental College, and inventor of a vulcanizer and other dental appliances.

There was no dental school at this time in the province of Quebec, and Mrs. Casgrain studied with her husband, passed her final examinations and received her license in 1887. Her large clientele in Quebec City was composed exclusively of ladies. Gifted with all the qualities that make a successful dentist, she might be cited as an example of order and energy. She was very charitable, and a considerable part of her revenue was spent in assisting in the education of worthy young people, some of whom are members of the learned professions today.

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