

The address of welcome was then made by Dr. James Lewis, of Burlington, who said that it would be useless to offer extended remarks. It required but few words to extend a hearty welcome to all who were in attendance upon this meeting. He spoke of the value of the meetings, of the honorable standing that the Vermont State society holds among kindred organizations.

Dr. S. Hubbell, of Burlington, then presented a paper on "Immediate Root Filling." He said that he believed that this process would be universally adopted if dentists were asked to fill none but healthy roots. Better methods of antiseptic treatment have been adopted than were in use but a comparatively short time ago, and these have done much to remove the difficulty of too precipitous filling. Too prolonged treatment before filling is a wrong practice, and the dentist must use his best judgment in all cases. The paper was strictly technical, dealt with methods that are widely approved, and showed thorough familiarity with the subject. The discussion following it was general.

Dr. Parker, of Bellows Falls, stated that he was in favor of immediate root filling. Dr. Lewis said that he had had better success by immediate root filling, under proper conditions, than by waiting. He had had perfect success in removing the nerves of teeth mechanically, and believed that this operation, if well done, was perfectly successful.

Dr. Hubbell stated that he wished to be understood as being in favor of filling immediately, if the root was healthy, but there were cases where the tooth needed preliminary treatment.

Dr. Hamilton, of Richford, said that he could not fill all roots immediately, and have good results.

Dr. Merriam, of Salem, Mass., stated that in prolonged treatment he had seen very unfavorable results. In many of these cases, the immediate treatment with antiseptics were the most satisfactory. Dr. Spencer, of Rutland, also made remarks.

Dr. G. W. Hoffman, of White River Junction, presented a paper on "Dental Legislation." Because one or more laws are failures is no reason why all legislation of this kind should be decried. "Cease quibbling over technicalities, put your shoulders to the wheel, and do all you can to bring dental legislation to perfection."

Dr. C. W. Staples, of Lyndonville, had been assigned the subject, "A Practical Cleoplastic Plate, with Models." A full explanation of the process of construction of a cleoplastic plate was given, and the models were inspected by those present. The paper made a very interesting and profitable feature of the session.

E. Eddy, formerly of Bellows Falls, and now of Springfield, Mass., and Dr. J. C. Walton, formerly of Brandon, and now of Manchester, N.H., presented their resignations, and they were accepted.