

of royal succedaneum, lithodion, mineral paste, admantine cement, alabaster cement, diamond cement, and other improper substances, by the use of which thousands of valuable teeth are annually destroyed, and innumerable evils result to the community at large which can never be repaired."

*"The Society has unanimously declared that the use of the above named amalgams for stopping teeth is malpractice, destructive to the safety of the teeth, injurious to the healthy condition of the mouth, and not unfrequently exciting and promoting bad effects on the constitution frequently disposed to the injurious action of mercury, which invariably constitutes an ingredient in all these compounds. Every member of this Society who shall hereafter use this substance under any of these imposing and deceptive names, or under any other name, is, by that act, expelled from the institution."*

By order of the Society,

E. PARMLY, *President.\**

AMOS WESTCOTT, *Recording Secretary.*

Mr. W. G. Beers has the additional temerity to say that the above resolution was finally rescinded. In refutation of this other gratuitous statement, Mr. W. G. Beers has only to look at page 71, New Series of the American Journal, and he will find these words:

*"That it is now seven years since the Society unanimously resolved that it regards the use of mineral paste for stopping carious teeth as malpractice."*

*"In 1841, with the like unanimity, it had declared that amalgams were hurtful to the teeth and every part of the mouth, and that gold could be used in every case where any form of filling fairly promised advantage, and at subsequent annual meetings it reiterated these sentiments, till finally, in 1845, it resolved upon the expulsion of non-conformists, and in 1847 actually inflicted the penalty upon some of its members."*†

*"Dentistry now, like the practice of medicine, may safely trust its general character to the common caution and prudence which legitimate responsibility ordinarily requires. While, therefore, we would intimate no change of sentiment as to the subject-matter of the protest, believing, as we do, the substitution of amalgam for gold to be malpractice, but would still most earnestly advise that total abstinence from the practice which we have heretofore enforced."*

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\* Vol. 6, page 82. American Journal of Dental Science.

† Vol. 1, page 71.