

RESOLUTION.

The following resolution, proposed by Mr. Cantlie, seconded by Dr. Esler, was then put to the meeting, and carried unanimously:

That, in view of the early decay of the teeth prevalent in Great Britain, this Section requests the Council of the British Medical Association to appoint a Committee of not fewer than three persons to inquire into the subject and to report thereon to the Council in twelve months from the date of appointment.—*British Medical Journal*.

THE STANDARD.*

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In reading the late magazines I find that, to use a nautical phrase, I have been "blanketed" as to many of the facts I had intended using, in a five-minute paper upon the subject given, but I will endeavor to confine myself to a line of thought regarding "the standard" of dentistry, as it affects you individually and the public generally, that I do not remember having heard read or discussed.

The old standard was made by such men as Gardette, Koecker, Randall, Greenwood, Hayden, Harris, Parmly, Atkinson, Robbins, etc. Students were taken in their offices and taught their individual methods, under their personal supervision and attention to every detail, not the least of which was a just appreciation of the value of a good piece of work when completed. They were giants in their way, and how proud any one might be who could insert a noncohesive gold filling so skilfully as to successfully bridge over an exposure of the pulp in a permanent and nonirritating manner, as some of them did. And what enthusiasm—Robbins travelling from Meadville, Pa., to New York to tell Atkinson how, by the accidental breaking of a plugger point, he had discovered the advantage of a roughened surface with cohesive gold, etc. They are the men who set us a standard at home and abroad. Was not Evans a contemporary and friend of some of these? With dentistry advancing with an electrical speed so great that some are able even to be mummified, in part, within themselves, what do we find the conditions under the "*fin de siècle*" standard of to-day?

* Read before the Minnesota Dental Association, July 26th, 1899.