

Munsall, Wells River. Executive Committee, Drs. K. L. Cleaves, Montpelier; H. Turrell, Rutland; C. W. Steele, G. W. Hoffman, state prosecutor, White River Junction. Next place of meeting, Montpelier, third Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of March, 1897.

## Question Drawer.

Address all correspondence connected with this Department to DR. R. E. SPARKS, Kingston, Ont., Can. Matter for publication should be in the hands of the Editor not later than the 10th of each month, and must have the writers' names attached, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

24. Q. What is *Leptothrix buccalis*?

(a) *Leptothrix buccalis* was a name given by Robin, in 1847, for those organisms in the human mouth which had been observed up to that time. The term, however, is rapidly becoming obsolete, owing to the fact that these forms are being more thoroughly classified and named accordingly. Miller says: "The name *Leptothrix buccalis* designates particular organism possessing peculiar characteristics, and the name deserves to be retained as little as 'denticola micro-organisms of human mouth.' (Page 70.) Leiber & Rothenstein attribute the cheesy, whitish substance formed on the teeth in the interspaces to the presence of *Leptothrix buccalis*. Any of your readers who wish a fuller account of this term, can find references in Miller's work above quoted (page 70); also in Leiber & Rothenstein's *Dental Caries* (page 23 of Chandler's translation); *American System of Dentistry* (Vol. 1., page 751)." W. A. ROBERTSON, Crookston, Minn., U.S.

(b) "A genus of bacteria' found in the 'oral cavity,' also under the skin." J. H. STOWELL-JONES, Nova Scotia.

### QUESTIONS.

27. Q. Has the moon's phases any influence upon animal tissue? Would the fit of a set of artificial teeth be in any way affected by such influence?

[We have not yet received an answer to the very interesting question No. 25. We are promised one, however, which we expect will be interesting. We will publish it as soon as we receive it.—ED. Q. D.]

### EDITORIAL NOTE.

Many valuable papers and other matter have been held over until May issue, in order to present a full report of proceedings of Vermont State Dental Association meeting.