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SOME EXPERIMENTAL ROOT CANAL FILLINGS.

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It would seem that the Dental Profession has not yet decided upon a universal root canal filling material. *The Dental Review* is asking for contributions on the subject. The Ontario Dental Society gave up the whole time of its last meeting to the consideration of this very important department of dental practice.

Judging from the papers read at the Ontario meeting, one would conclude that gutta-percha is the material most frequently used, while a few of the gentlemen still adhere to creasote and cotton. Others, again, maintain that oxychloride of zinc gives the most satisfactory results. In this connection it might be well to notice how times change. It is only a few years since some dentists were ashamed or afraid to admit that they filled root canals with gutta-percha, while to-day the men who were cotton's most ardent advocates in times gone by are now ashamed to admit that they fill root canals with cotton. This change of practice has taken place without very much new evidence being added, except clinical, which is the same as it always was.

Dentists who use cotton as a root filling material claim that