

nection with the Society, because their influence was a direct injury and insult to members who believed in being ethical.

Dr. James Lewis recalled the use of arsenic by Spooner, and his contemporaries, for reducing sensitiveness of dentine, and the serious results which frequently followed. Some of these local anæsthetic nostrums contained liquid arsenic.

Dr. George F. Cheney, St. Johnsbury, asked, How shall we educate the public? In the analysis of a medicine recently put upon the market, it was discovered that there was enough arsenic in a few drops to kill! Dr. Kirke in his article in the *Cosmos* had shown that of ten local anæsthetic nostrums, only one was free of cocaine (Barr's). He thought that the public press should publish such facts.

Dr. W. Geo. Beers believed that if the public knew the fact that dentists who used these nostrums were ignorant of their composition, they would be loath to have them injected into their blood. Dr. Kirke deserved the thanks of the profession for exposing the duplicity, not only of the men who manufactured these nostrums, but of the men who ignorantly used them. It was a fact, nevertheless, that the public tolerate, if they do not positively enjoy, being deceived. He suggested that the American Dental Association consider this question and pronounce authoritatively, not only on the ethical question, but as to what preparations can be safely used. It would be well to suggest a reliable preparation, and publish the formula under the official approval of the national representative associations (American Dental and the Southern Dental).

Dr. J. L. Perkins, St. Johnsbury, suggested that attention be drawn to the fact, that the gum tissue has frequently sloughed as the result of the hypodermic use of some of these nostrums.

Dr. W. S. Curtis, West Randolph, agreed with the object proposed, but reminded the members that it did not apply, so far as censure in use was concerned, to preparations the formula of which was known and intelligently approved of by the operator.

On motion of Dr. Chase the following resolution, embodying one passed by the Connecticut Valley Dental Society, was unanimously passed:

"Whereas, Several compounds and nostrums, more or less familiar to the dental profession, have been and are being promiscuously advertised as secrets, and those which have been proved either useless or injurious, advertised as wonderful, and

"Whereas, Such false and vicious advertising is a detriment to our patients and ourselves, and

"Whereas, All known local applications, powerful enough to completely destroy the sensibility, are capable of doing serious injury to tooth and structure, and severely to health, therefore

"Resolved, That we hereby condemn the practice of the use of such nostrums by the profession, and recommend that any and all