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The regular meeting for this year began on 10th November, when Dr. Stevenson read a paper on "Local Anæsthetics. Dr. Berwick read a paper on the same subject. On the 11th December, owing to the absence of a promised essayist, Dr. Beers read a paper on "Notes on Alveolar Abscess," and a sketch, entitled, "The Voyage of a Velum," descriptive of the "grand tour" made by a velum swallowed by a patient. The Society is very active and doing good work.

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Editor DOMINION DENTAL JOURNAL:

Let me add to the excellent advice of "Phineas" in January number, relating to laboratory. Buy a package of *Pyle's Pearline*, get a tin can—a baking powder can is good—and keep the Pearline in it, open and ready for use. It is excellent for all cleansing purposes, and especially for flasks; and (mixed with a little soap and warm water) for cleaning the hands on short notice. I have tried many soaps and find, for office use, Colgate's Glycerine the best. Chloroform on a bit of cloth will remove wax; or gasoline, barring the odor, is just as good. Also a little aqua ammonia added to warm water makes a great improvement in its dirt-removing power, and is valuable in the office as well as at home, especially if the water is not quite soft. If not the barber's basis of "*shampoo*," it is quite as good. Anyone who will try a very little in the water used for cleansing the beard and hair will be surprised the first time by the revelation he will receive. If one in the laboratory will take the pains to bathe the hands freely in glycerine before engaging in any plaster or rubber work, they will be so far protected as to be readily cleansed afterwards.

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