

plastic and of a creamy consistence to accurately adapt itself without pressure to the surface it is designed to protect, and solidify to form a base for a filling.

To find a material possessing the above qualities all combined, seems the greatest difficulty at present in the way. Oxychloride of Zinc produces more or less irritation which usually subsides as soon as the material becomes solidified, but occasionally the results are not satisfactory, the pain continuing almost unbearable for hours.

I have used plaster of Paris in a few cases, and find it free from irritation, and so far as my experience has gone, it has been much more satisfactory than any other material I have tried for the purpose; but I should prefer a material possessing greater density. When plaster is used, it should be fresh and of the finest quality.

During the last six months I have treated and capped over eighty exposed pulps, taking each as it was presented; favorable as well as apparently unfavorable cases, several of them required puncturing to relieve the pain. Only three have given subsequent trouble as far as I know, all of which are dead, removed, the canals filled, and the teeth are doing good service.

Of course, I have not received reports from all my cases, neither am I certain that all are alive that have not given trouble, but this I do claim, that if one-half are living and doing service, it is better than destroying all.

And it is evident, I think that the worst results of conservative treatment will only produce death of the pulp, which is equal to the *best* destructive treatment, for the three cases of failure above mentioned only resulted in death.

DENTAL EDUCATION.

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In these days of knowledge and professional advancement, how can the true lover of his science quietly remain an unobserver of the rapid strides, improvements, and general elevation in his special department. The truly professional man is constantly searching for new light, that which enlighteneth all, which will bring hidden mysteries to view, find out new remedies, organize new plans, and form a new centre round which all lesser lights radiate. The time has come when men of years, experience and practice, deem it necessary