

AMMONOL.—Dr. Watkins, at the First District Dental Society, State of New York, reported in December *Cosmos*, described ammonol, one of the coal tar products, as the most satisfactory preparation he had used for pericementitis. In cases where a tooth has been filled for some time and becomes sore and elongated, ammonol given in 5 to 15 or 20 gr. doses will entirely remove soreness in a short time.

CATAPHORESIS.—In a short time the most of us will be using cataphoresis to obtund sensitive dentine. Making a fresh solution each operation certainly has a great deal to do with its ultimate success. In a case where the dentine is unusually sensitive, it is possible that a certain amount of the pain might be avoided by heating the cotton with the solution before placing it in the cavity.—*Dr. H. D. Boyes, in Pacific Stomatological Gazette.*

MANY of our best dentists of to-day, and those who are continually experimenting, have but little to say, some because of inability to express themselves satisfactorily. Many a man has excellent ideas who is unable to put them in writing or present them to a society. Some prefer to keep them to themselves that they may have a slight advantage over their neighboring dentist. Such a man is untrue to his profession, untrue to his people, and belittles himself in the sight of God. It is every professional man's duty to do what he can to advance his chosen profession, and thus benefit the community at large.—*Dr. C. J. Soule, Rockford, Ill., in Dental Review.*

I HAVE no sympathy for the young man who says he cannot contribute a short paper, or talk to his local society meeting, because he has nothing of real interest to say. If we only opened our mouths when we had something of great value to put forth, what a very quiet world this would be—even during a presidential campaign. As a bit of mental discipline it would be an excellent idea for the young dentists to form a habit of writing up (in their moments of enforced leisure) any cases of interest that may occur in their practice, not simply with the chastened hieroglyphics of the case book, but with an eye towards a slight literary style and finish and scientific edge strength; not necessarily for publication either, but as an evidence of good faith and interest in their profession, outside the bread-and-butter aspect.—*Charles McManus, D.D.S., in International Dental Journal.*

THAT OLD CREASOTE ODOR.—Several times lately we have removed cotton dressings from cavities in teeth and pulp chambers more or less saturated with creasote, in most cases covered with more cotton soaked in sandarac varnish. On what basis a root or