

brushing; believes that where one person brushes too much a thousand are remiss. He hardly ever sees teeth as clean as they ought to be, and lectures his patients continually for the want of thoroughness. He does not base his opinion from office patients only, but from *general* observation. The American people have a bad habit of keeping their lips apart, and thus exposing their incisors. The rich and poor, residents of cities and country towns, all suffer in consequence of neglect to keep their teeth clean. People naturally shirk this duty, and are too ready to take advantage of statements made in regard to overbrushing. A physician once said to him that people in this country wore their teeth all out by brushing, and he always condemned the use of a tooth-brush.

Intelligent dentists should be cautious about making statements that encourage people to neglect keeping their teeth clean.

O. A. JARVIS, *Secretary*.

ODONTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

A MEETING was held on Wednesday, February 2, 1870, in the Philadelphia Dental College building. The President in the chair.

Dr. M. Lukens Long presented a left inferior twelve-year molar, having three roots.

Dr. Alfred Cogswell, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, forwarded a canine tooth, with what appeared to be a deposit of salivary calculus near the apex of the root.

Dr. C Butler, of Cleveland, O., presented a cast of a case of muscular contraction of the jaw, from the effects of salivation.

The following gentlemen were unanimously elected as corresponding members:

Dr. J. G. Perry, No. 111 Madison Avenue, New York; Dr. William M. Hunter, Cincinnati, O.; Dr. J. N. Niles, West Halifax, Vt.

Then followed a somewhat lengthy discussion as to the origin and cause of the deposit at the end of the root of the tooth presented by Dr. A. Cogswell.

Dr. Grady, of California, had met such a case in the mouth of a gentleman of sanguine temperament. The removal of the deposit was more difficult and painful than the extraction of the tooth itself would have been.

Prof. McQuillen considered the case as interesting as it was