

tion, perfect drying by hot air, paper points, etc. Does not look reasonable to omit filling root-canals, leaving air for decomposition, and if heated, drawing back the fluid elements, which must create inflammation and abscess.

Dr. Hoffman, White River Junction, described cases where canals were left empty and found no odor. Never believed in the air theory before. Since then never filled root canals. Sterilized with hot air; inserted filling, and did not make any special effort to get it up the canals. The results of this practice have been satisfactory.

Dr. Bowers, of Mashua, N.H., tried the air theory for three years; does not always adhere to it; doubts if the apex of roots can always be reached. The only dentists who accomplish miracles like that are recent graduates—they never err or have failures.

Dr. C. K. Gerrish, Ester, N.H., then made some very interesting remarks on "The Unknown Dentistry of the Future." He claimed to be a bit of an old-fashioned dentist, not apt to be carried away by every new fad. Had used one gold foil—Abbey's—for thirty years. Never filled a tooth exclusively with adhesive foil. He showed the wonderful knowledge possessed by the Egyptians in the arts and sciences, and what they knew about dental practice. He read a very quaint advertisement of Josiah F. Flagg, in the early part of the century. With respect to the present rage for hypnotism, fifty years ago it was called mesmeric power. The speaker was associated in early life with Dr. W. L. Johnson, of Newburyport, Mass., and he saw thousands of teeth extracted by Dr. Johnson, after he had "mesmerized" the patients, and in no single instance with bad effects. Bleeding, too, was controlled by hypnotism. Dr. Gerrish covered a great deal of ground in referring to the past, and the prospects of the future dental practice. He saw inlays thirty-two years ago retained by gold foil. All honor to the men of fifty years ago, who showed they were artists, and whose success in the face of great difficulties ought to humiliate those of us who think we "know it all." The doctor concluded by drawing an imaginative and humorous picture of the future dentistry—providing future generations have any teeth.

Dr. G. A. Young was to have read a paper, but in his usual bland way he hypnotized the audience to forgive him, as he had brought several good "trotters" from New Hampshire, including the President, Dr. Bowers, and other officials of the State society. Dr. Young is an institution which the Vermont Society begin to feel they cannot do without. As the founder and head centre of the "Trotters' Club," he is not only possessed of great mines of practical knowledge and skill, but a deep vein of humor which runs like a golden thread through his most serious remarks.

On Thursday morning the members re-assembled. Dr. R. M. Chase, of Bethel, opened a discussion on the subject, "Should