

ever, though I am inclined to the opposite opinion that such is not the condition of affairs, but that the char is removed by absorption, not taken up by the capping material, but through the medium of the absorbent vessels of the pulp stimulated to increased action as a consequence of great irritation, thus ridding itself of the cause and leaving an intervening space between the filling and pulp, corresponding in size to the extent of broken down tissue, thereby rendering the possibility of success doubtful, as the space could not certainly exist without more or less trouble. However, this neglect should not argue against the usefulness of the material in such operations, but only guard us against its abuse. As regards my manner of introducing the oxy-chloride of zinc over an exposed pulp, I have nothing new to offer in that direction, and in conclusion would say that this material, when properly prepared and manipulated with the care that the delicacy of the operation requires is, in the vast majority of cases, far superior to any other article extant as a protection for exposed pulps or sensitive dentine, and especially is it invaluable as an additional shield between the filling and nerve, when there exists but a thin lamina of dentine over the latter.—*Dental Register*.

EDITORIAL.

MAINTAINING PROFESSIONAL CHARACTER.

In city practice, it is quite common for our patients to come in frequent contact with other dentists, either in social gatherings, or even in their office, in company with friends, or perhaps to obtain relief of pain during our temporary absence. That some dentists possess sufficient self respect and honor, to converse about their confreres without disparaging them, is happily true; but that others have not, is also an undoubted fact. In the present state of our profession, we may expect to find a certain element whose highest ambition is to make money, and who will resort to the most despicable means of attracting attention; but among confreres who stand on the same social and professional level, it is certainly not to be expected of them, that they will avail themselves of favorable opportunities to draw the patients of others away, by offers to do certain work for the same or a lower price, and by extolling their own capabilities, and depreciating those of every other practitioner.

We have had parties coming to our office with woful stories of