

that the opening had closed between the root apex and the main body of the abscess. The root canal was also free from pus.

Having carefully prepared the root canal for filling, I put in a test root filling of cotton saturated with eucalyptus; this I sealed in with cement. There being still a trace of pus in the fistulous opening in the gum, I treated this with an injection of peroxide of hydrogen, followed in a few minutes by one of boralyptol or aromatic sulphuric. In about three weeks the swelling and inflammation had entirely disappeared, no signs of pus could be detected, and the gum had attained a healthy appearance. In about two weeks after the test root filling had been put in I removed it, and filled the root with chlora-percha and a gutta-percha cone. The cavity I refilled with cement. The operation has up to the present proved successful. I do not know whether this is a common condition in abscesses; it certainly was new to me to find one so far removed from the tooth which caused it.

Evidently this was caused by the mechanical action of the pus forcing itself along the line of least resistance. It indicated the need of careful diagnosis. Abscesses, from what I have seen of them, are in the habit of doing the unexpected, and bringing unpleasant surprises.

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## Proceedings of Dental Societies

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### EASTERN ONTARIO DENTAL ASSOCIATION.

The Eastern Ontario Dental Association held its twenty-first annual meeting at the Grand Union Hotel, Ottawa, on June 20th, 21st and 22nd. The President, Dr. Sparks of Kingston, called the meeting to order at 8 p.m., June 20th, and after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and the financial statement the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, Dr. Jno. Robertson, Ottawa; Vice-President, Dr. A. H. Mabce, Gananoque; Sec'y.-Treasurer, Dr. W. B. Cavanagh, Cornwall.

Drs. Parnell, Ottawa, and C. A. Martin, Ottawa, were elected hon. members of the Eastern Ontario Dental Association, with full privileges of ordinary members. Drs. Parnell and Martin were charter members of the Association, but at present, on account of ill-health, are prevented from taking an active part in the meetings. The members of the Association took this means to recognize their past services.

DR. SPARKS, in his retiring address, pointed out the growth of the demand for dentistry, and as an illustration, mentioned that a