

disinfect extracting and other instruments. Epithelioma, beginning in the socket of a tooth—in these cases the patient, as a rule, will not complain that he suffers from a tumour or growth of any kind, but will seek relief on account of toothache or looseness of the teeth. A careless or ignorant dentist will simply extract; a well-educated one will insist upon patient submitting to prompt surgical treatment. Dr. Barnes thinks that copper amalgam would give more satisfaction if it had less mercury. Mercury should not be added to the amalgam to insure its plasticity. Heat until the mercury is thoroughly expressed. Do not be afraid of burning it, as overheating seems good for it.

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*Journal of the British Dental Association*, October.—The Annual General Meeting of the Association held in Exeter was very successful. We can only make a few extracts from the continuation in the October issue of the Journal of the proceedings. In the discussion on "Crown Bar and Bridge work," Mr. Lennox prefers an English plate-tooth to any all-porcelain crowns. A better case can be made with a plate-tooth than with all-porcelain crowns, with the additional advantage that the backing of the plate-tooth can be used as an abutment for a bridge, when an all-porcelain tooth is useless. Mr. Lennox spoke highly of the ingenious method of Mr. Gartrell of inserting a removable bridge; objects to hacking good teeth to get abutments; better to use a plate. Mr. Cunningham believed that where it was possible, removable work was better than fixed. Dr. W. C. Barrett felt confident that the evil which had been done by an extreme adoption of bridge work far exceeded the good; did not condemn bridge work. Crown work he believed to be extremely useful. Foundation of the whole process was the correct treatment of the root. While the dentists of the United States claimed to be in front in regard to the practical work of operative dentistry, in much of the mechanical work they were far behind.

At the Annual Meeting of the Central Counties Branch, the President, in his address, referred to the progress of the profession. No science, or art, or industry has, within the last thirty years, afforded more relief to the suffering than dentistry. It is only just