

adaptation to the mucous membrane by reason of bad compound, caused local irritation or stomachalgia, and patience ceased to be a virtue. Any way, the attempt was a failure as a dental operation. We are again reminded by the finding of teeth filled with cement, and even gold, in representatives of the human family that "walked in Thebes' streets three thousand years ago," that we are not the originators of the science. We are the present connecting link, striving by personal endeavor and individual and collective research into the hidden mysteries of nature and science, to unfold and make plain the intricate windings of by-paths, to the consummation of the time, when 'he prince of the powers of darkness shall be chained up, and the King of kings shall establish His throne upon earth, and the grim monster death on the pale horse, shall cease for a thousand years to call upon the sons of men to pay the penalty attached to his condition.

There are those present before me, no doubt, who will be still ringing the changes on bacteriology, Koch lymph, predisposing and exciting causes, hereditary predisposition, and such like subjects, in 1914, when they will be so well understood that a new science will be added to our school of practical science, called the science of living, or, the greatest and crowning science of all, the production of happiness by a skilful application of all existing sources. Teeth will not decay, because we can overcome every condition which is conducive, and which is now wrapped in mystery. Orthodontia will be needless, because irregularity will cease, owing to correct procreative affiliation. Our occupation will be gone, and we may write "Micawber" over our doors. That is, supposing this era does dawn upon us in 1914.

As the annual meeting of our Society has again arrived, and the programme is placed before you, I feel proud to have to say that it is a good one, and ought to be listened to with satisfaction and profit by every member of the Society.

It is a very onerous duty which falls to the lot of the committee on "programmes" from year to year, to so vary and provide food for reflection and thought, as to render the meetings attractive and instructive.

I would recommend to your consideration the idea of appointing a committee early in the session, say the first day, whose duty it would be to appoint essayists and name the subjects for the next annual meeting; and, if thought desirable, have committees arranged to deal with subjects and collect information and compile reports to be handled by such committees at the meetings.

In this way work would be distributed, better results obtained, and much worry and hurry at the approach of the time for meeting be done away with.

The writer had entertained the idea of instituting correspondence with the leading men of the profession, pointing to a gener-