

to hold the meeting there, and the St. George's Hotel was found to be a delightful and cosy centre. The meeting opened on Wednesday, the 21st of March, at 7.30 p.m., with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Snow. The President, Dr. A. J. Parker, of Bellow's Falls, occupied the chair. Dr. Wright offered a resolution of sympathy with Dr. S. J. Andres, of Quebec city, an honorary member of the Society, which was unanimously carried, and the Society requested to convey the same to the doctor. Dr. Andres has been unwell for some time, and was unable to be among the many friends in Vermont who were always glad to see him.

Dr. Hoffman then read a charming address of welcome, which had the unique feature of having been written by his wife. The papers are to be published in our contemporary, the *Ohio Dental Journal*, and we trust Mrs. Hoffman's tribute to the profession of her husband will appear in full.

Dr. J. N. Collins, of Granville, N.Y., read a paper entitled "Filling Root-Canals with Beeswax," in which he described the careful procedure of thoroughly drying the canals, and then introducing the wax and melting it around the mouths of the tubuli with a hot wire. It is not only cleanly and persistently hermetical in adaptation to the surrounding walls, but it is easily removed in the event of subsequent trouble. Dr. Collins stated that Dr. S. B. Palmer, of Syracuse, approved of it, and had publicly stated his belief that it was the best root-canal filling.

Dr. G. A. Young, of Concord, N.H., believed, after long experience, that it did not much matter what the roots are filled with providing gutta-percha and chloroform is not used. He has never seen a case in which the gutta-percha had not absorbed the fluids, and in fact, if removed, a strong odor was present from the pulp cavity. He approved of wax, if he approved of anything. He removed one gutta-percha filling put in by Dr. W. S. Curtis, of West Randolph. It was sweet and clean, because it was crude gutta-percha. Beeswax withstands acids. Only wish we could satisfactorily fill the crown as well as the canals with beeswax. It would make dental practice fun. However, he declared that he did not believe in putting anything into the canals; has got over all medicating of canals; believes that the open canals are safer than if filled. If he feels like it, he puts gold into the roots as far as convenient, but is not bound down to any cast-iron rule.

Dr. G. Lennox Curtis, New York, asked Dr. Young if he ever had alveolar abscess following his treatment of "no treatment." Dr. Young replied that he had not any more, and he did not think he had so much as formerly.

Dr. Curtis said it was new to him, and that he would like it scientifically and statistically investigated. Instinctively, he approved of wax; it left no odor. Best results he has seen were when chloro-percha used, after thorough cleansing to the apex, steriliza-