

of a rushing noise in the head, which was probably due to paralysis of the tensor tympani muscle, which is animated by the minor portion of the fifth nerve. The sense of hearing was normal, and there were no other morbid symptoms. The author therefore concluded that the pathological lesion was confined to the course of the fifth nerve between the pons varolii and the Gasserian ganglion. It could not be more peripheral, because not a single fibre of the trifacial nerve had escaped the injury; and it could not be more central, because there was no symptom of disease of the pons. The treatment consisted in the systematic application of the continuous galvanic current; no medicine was given; after three months treatment the patient was considerably improved in every respect, &c.

Dr Althaus deduces interesting conclusions from this case. It shows that the eye for instance, may become intolerant of light from affection of the fifth nerve, and no doubt on the contrary disease of the Cornea may produce evil effects in other periphery. It shows that instead of the gustatory nerve being the exclusive nerve of taste: that another, the glosso-pharyngeal at least assists.

SELECTED ARTICLES.

MODERN SCIENCE OF DENTISTRY.

In the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal* of the 11th inst, we find an article on this subject, from the pen of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, of Harvard University, written in such an exceedingly pleasing style, that we transcribe a portion of it for the benefit of our readers. The Doctor takes for his text, "The Dental Cosmos; a monthly record of Dental Science; observe, compare, reflect, record," and gives a review of the contents of the No. before him. Many of our readers being also readers of the Cosmos, we leave out those portions which refer to that Journal, as we have not space for the whole article.—Ed.

"The formation of a Dental School in connection with the Medical Department of Harvard University, naturally draws the attention of those engaged in medical teaching to the branch which has sought and gained their alliance. It soon becomes apparent that Dentistry has assumed an importance as a speciality of the healing art, which challenges for it an honorable recognition. The Dentist of to-day stands in the same relation to the tooth-puller of a past generation, as the surgeon, of our time to the well-remembered worthy of the razor and the lancet, who trimmed his customers hair or bled a vein for him with equal skill and science.