

Don't be concerned so much because your competitor works cheaper than you, if your work is better than his. The most sensible and best paying people seek the best, not the cheapest, dentist.—*Items*.

DIAGNOSIS OF PULP STONES.—Persistent resistance to arsenic is a good diagnostic symptom of pulp stones. "Persistent pain that you cannot stop means pulp stones, and means it always. There is no question about it."—*Ottolengui*.

DEAD TEETH.—"We often hear about 'dead teeth,' but I am very much opposed to the use of the term 'dead tooth' unless the tooth is really dead. The term is unscientific in the majority of cases, and sounds badly to the patient. If a person thinks he has a dead tooth in his mouth he is apt to look on it with abhorrence and doubt its usefulness. If we call such teeth 'pulpless,' no such unfavorable impression is given, and we are far more accurate in our statement."—*Dr. Potter*.

Dr. C. N. Johnston says of small and tortuous canals, that while we meet many which cannot be drilled out and filled solidly to the apex and yet which remain satisfactory, yet no man is doing his duty who does not make an honest effort to fill all that can be filled by skill and application, and to sterilize as perfectly as possible every canal he cannot fill. In case of a small canal, after reaming out the orifice to insure access, use a fine broach of piano wire to explore as far as possible, then flood with an antiseptic and work up with broach. In trying to fill such canals, some material should be used that is semifluid or entering, should be used so that it may be pumped as far as possible into all spaces.—*Cosmos*.

A PLEA FOR ENTHUSIASM.—At a meeting of the Missouri State Dental Association, Dr. A. H. Thompson presented a paper upon "The Duty of Young Men to the Dental Profession." There are few even now who lead, he said, and to whom the rank and file can look for inspiration and help. The Elijahs are being called away, and there are few Elishas to take up the mantles as they fall. We need men of genius, and to obtain them we must create environments and conditions favorable for their birth and development. This can only be done by general culture and a universal desire to advance beyond mediocrity. To this end the need of the times is enthusiasm, for as has been well said, "the enthusiast must needs be honest, courageous, energetic, and all these beget talent and ability." Therefore cultivate enthusiasm, for that alone will lead to the awakening that will reveal to the soul its duty and work.—*International Dental Journal*.