

respecting dentistry, and the code of ethics of the American Dental Association, presented a report, which, on motion, was adopted.

The committee on membership, reported in favor of the admission of the following gentlemen, viz: Drs. Bowen, Pritchard, and Fowler, who were elected by an unanimous vote; after which they signed the Constitution and Code of Ethics, and were declared entitled to full membership.

The committee on Rose Pearl as a base for artificial teeth, reported through their Chairman as follows, viz: Your committee have nothing favorable to report, but on the contrary, with the little additional evidence they have been able to obtain, including the experience of Dr. L. D. Walter, the previous impressions as to the want of utility of Rose Pearl, are more than confirmed. It only approximates in the most favorable cases to the requirements necessary to produce a perfect fitting plate, and in comparison to rubber and other materials used as bases, may be considered as an utter failure, even in the hands of the best of operators in mechanical dentistry.

Signed,

G. C. DABOLL.

Dr. Daboll exhibited a case which had been worn for some time, and had afterwards been laid aside for a few days, which had shrunk, or changed its form so much that it could not be put into the mouth. The smell of ether was so strong at that time, that it was almost unbearable. After some further discussion, Dr. Whitney stated that in Buffalo and vicinity, eight practitioners had purchased the right to use Rose Pearl and after duly testing it, found it to be a failure. He, however, would not entirely condemn it, as by further experiments, it may possibly be made eminently useful. The report of the committee was adopted and ordered to be placed on the minutes.

The first subject on the list for discussion, was, "Nitrous Oxide Gas, and other anæsthetics, their comparative merits," Dr. A. P. Southwick, essayist. Dr. Southwick not being present, the President called on the members to state whatever information they had on the subject. Dr. Barrett said he had used nitrous oxide for two years, and the longer he used it the better he liked it. It can be kept for a great length of time without deterioration, over water, which absorbs its impurities; thinks it acts by hyperæsthesia, that is, over stimulation; always watches the pulse closely to see that it does not go beyond the right point; has given it to persons seriously troubled with dis-