

A motion was made to suspend the rules making it necessary for practitioners to go through a definite course of study and graduate before they could be admitted into the Association, which called forth the almost unanimous voice of the members of the Association against "letting down bars" in *any case*, thus practically lowering the standard of qualification.

ODONTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

On the fifth of January, 1870, a meeting was held, the President in the chair, at which many of the students of the Philadelphia Dental College were present as visitors.

The Corresponding Secretary called attention to a superior right second bicuspid tooth, the property of Mr. A. Enos Perry, a member of the class, which his preceptor, Dr. J. L. Baker, had extracted from the mouth of a boy fourteen years of age, for the purpose of correcting an irregularity. The tooth was remarkable from having the root terminating in three well-marked cones, arranged like the roots of a superior molar, but not so widely spread. It was about the normal size, with a well-developed crown. No one present seemed to have ever seen such a case before, and Mr. Tomes in his "Dental Surgery" only mentions having seen such in the *first* bicuspid of a Chinese. The bifurcation of the superior first or anterior bicuspid is so frequent an occurrence as to make it a very fair rule by which to distinguish them from the second, which are generally found with single roots.

The same person also exhibited a pebble which he had extracted from the nares of a child; he said that, after making an attempt with a pair of forceps and finding that they only pushed it farther in, he had hooked an ordinary hair-pin over it, and with the aid of a probe had removed it. The danger of inflammation and swelling in such accidents makes it imperative to act at once, if possible before they have set in and thus complicated the operation by closing the nostril.

Prof. C. Wedl, of Vienna, Austria, was unanimously elected as honorary member, and Dr. Alfred C. Cogswell, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, as corresponding member.

The essayist for the evening, Dr. E. L. Hewitt, then read a paper on "The Irregularities of the Teeth, and their Treatment."