

NOTES ON THE UNION MEETING.

To Dr. Geo. K. Thomson, of Halifax, is due the largest share of credit for providing material for so successful a meeting, though no small share is due those who prepared and presented papers.

Dr. Cogswell's paper, though delivered once before, was well worthy of representation, and must have entailed a large amount of labor and care.

Dr. Woodbury's paper certainly touched a vital spot in the development and progress of our profession, for without a comprehensive educational foundation, we cannot expect the coming generation of dental practitioners to place our profession in the position it should occupy, namely, on an equal footing with the medical, or in fact any profession.

Dr. Wetmore submitted a paper well thought out and well delivered. It suggested a train of thought which must in the near future bring forth good fruit.

Dr. Murray's paper being more practical than theoretical, was the more acceptable to the ordinary everyday practitioner on that account.

Dr. Bagnall's paper was highly appreciated. So little has been written and said about the deciduous teeth, and so little care and attention given them by the parents of their possessors, that it will require some time to thoroughly digest the subject matter contained in it.

Time did not permit more than a hasty consideration of Dr. Beers' paper, it having just arrived by mail at the closing of the session, but he who carefully reads it will find that he is a step nearer a solution of pyorrhœa alveolaris.

Dr. Melotte, besides his clinical talk the first day, gave a bench clinic the morning of the second. He exhibited his ingenious triple attachment bench device, comprising anvil, vice, and rubber block, against the latter of which one may hold a piece of dental work for filing or trimming more firmly than against wood, and with no danger of breaking or bending or marring the surface. He also demonstrated melting gold and explained its further treatment in successive stages to the completion of an artificial tooth crown. At the close of the clinic he congratulated the audience on the interest manifested, and close attention given him. When not feeling well, as was the case the first day, he actually dreaded coming forward, but instead of being depressed he really felt as though he had received a tonic. The operative clinics we watched with a great deal of interest, and the desire for knowledge evidenced by the many questions asked.