

in its stead now uses carbolic acid, a few drops of which, with enough oil of cloves to obliterate the smell, works wonderfully well. Another member said that many dentists have a habit of keeping the old and decayed teeth they have extracted. These give rise to an odor which is not by any means pleasant. Several members expressed their opinions as to the best method of cleaning spit-toons—one holding that the most effective method was to use plenty of soap and water. Many hints which will, no doubt, prove of value to those who heard them were given, and several subjects of deep interest in this connection to the profession were discussed.

Dr. R. E. Sparks, of Kingston, read the second paper, which, he informed the audience, had been written by Dr. Abbott, of New York, some time ago. It was entitled "Treatment of Pulpless Teeth and Alveolar Abscesses."

In the treatment of pulpless teeth and alveolar abscesses the writer regarded as invaluable the bi-chloride of mercury and chloride of zinc. The treatment of teeth is unique.

Cleansing and disinfecting the teeth are first necessary. There are many means of doing this—with creosote, carbolic acid, etc. But beyond disinfection the pus-forming membrane must be rendered inert, and to do this bi-chloride of mercury, in the proportion of 1 to 1,000, is most effective. Then the foramen through the root should be closed with a small pledget of cotton; the root is then to be filled with oxychloride of zinc, containing in the liquid a small percentage of bi-chloride of mercury. The cotton prevents the filling from being forced through the root and irritation is not likely to follow. But should any periostites occur, paint the gum with a mixture of iodine and aconite.

In treating alveolar abscesses, chloride of zinc is one of the most valuable remedies, as it destroys the lining of the sac, and is both astringent and stimulating to the membrane and facilitates a return to normal conditions.

In the discussion which followed the reading of this paper, Drs. Klotz, Marshall, Baird, Rose, Brownlee and Leggo participated. The opinions of these went to show that thorough disinfection is the most effective treatment of such cases as were under consideration.

Dr. Stackhouse addressed the meeting on "Items of Interest to Dentists."

Dr. Brownlee next engaged the attention of the members by demonstrating "How to Take a Perfect Bite," preparatory to fitting artificial teeth.

The Ontario Society will meet next year at Toronto. The Eastern Ontario Association has not yet decided on its place of meeting for next year.