

Dr. Nones, in commenting upon the treatment described by Dr. Arrington, said that he had, for some time, been in the habit of using the fused nitrate of silver for obstinate cases of sensitive dentine, and had yet to meet with discoloration resulting from its application at his hands. The first patient for whom he had tried it was a lady of about twenty-nine years of age, of bilious temperament. She complained of exquisite tenderness of the central incisors,—the approximal surfaces of which had been filed to fit an artificial denture; the enamel having been removed, thereby exposing the terminal points of the tubuli, where it is customary to find the teeth so sensitive: this is especially noticed by the operative dentist, when cutting retaining points for fillings.

Having used the various remedies recommended as having the desired therapeutic properties, such as chloride of zinc, etc., all with but little or no satisfactory results, he dried the parts and surrounding tissues thoroughly with cotton, and guarded by dry napkins, to prevent the solution from running over any but the points effected; he then slightly moistened a stick of lunar caustic and rubbed it upon the denuded dentine, which treatment gave relief.

Since the trial in this case, he had frequently used it in a similar manner, in an extended hospital practice that he had followed among persons suffering from various mental disorders, whose nervous systems were all more or less injured by their disease. He had the pleasure of stating that success followed in every particular.

Dr. Stellwagen—The cause, effect and treatment of sensitive dentine, although most important matters for investigation, and, from universal daily occurrence, the most frequently met with, of the many annoyances to the dentist, are yet the least thoroughly understood. A whole evening might be profitably spent upon the theme. He had not found any specific among those remedies vaunted as such by some of the members of the profession. The fact of so large a number of articles being employed and recommended for this purpose, was quite enough to show how much we are at a loss to cure, by any simple means, this painful condition.

Pretty much every remedy ever mentioned had been used by him, excepting the nitrate of silver, and this, from its well-known staining property, he had feared to use upon tissues so slowly replaced as those of the dental organs. On the soft parts of the mouth, where the