

IN another place we print an editorial from the *Record* in its entirety, as it has interesting connection with lectures delivered by us before the College of Quebec on the same subject, in which several cases were cited of vicarious menstruation coincident with the extraction of teeth.—*The Dental Record, London, Eng.*

THERE were present at the meetings at Old Point Comfort last month seven dentists who have been in active practice for fifty years or more. Dr. John B. Rich, of Washington, D.C., entered upon practice March 20th, 1836. Dr. Conylon Palmer, of Warner, Ohio, began in 1839. Drs. W. H. Thackston, of Farmerville, Pa.; Jonathan Taft, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and R. Finley Hunt, of Washington, D.C., began in 1842. Dr. Jesse C. Green, of West Chester, Pa., began in 1843. Dr. H. J. McKellop, of St. Louis, Mo., began in 1844. Dr. Rich is, we believe, with one exception, the oldest practitioner of dentistry, in length of service, in America; and Dr. Thackston is the dean of the holders of the degree of D.D.S. Well may the fathers of dentistry feel proud of the achievements of the profession they helped to nurture in its infancy; and well may the dental profession feel proud to know them. The *Dental Cosmos* greets them respectfully with head bared, and cordially wishes them the full measure of their hopes and aspirations.—*Dental Cosmos*. [“So say we all of us!”—ED. D. D. J.]

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## Selections.

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### A PERFECT FILLING FOR THE POSTERIOR TEETH.

By DR. JAMES M. MAGEE, St. John, New Brunswick.  
Awarded a Silver Medal.

That the insertion of a perfect filling is of paramount importance to the majority of dentists, no one will question. The perfect filling for all classes of cavities has not as yet been discovered. To be perfect, it should be easily manipulated, easily introduced, easily finished. It should be readily adapted to the unevenness of the cavity walls, and be the color of the tooth. It should be a poor conductor of heat and cold, and be insoluble so far as the fluids of the mouth are concerned. Furthermore, and not least of all, it should retain its shape under stress of mastication.

Except for color, amalgam combined with cement as a lining for the cavity, fulfils all of the above requirements. Therefore in parts of the mouth remote from view it is a perfect filling.