

are washed away by an acid fluid secreted by the gums, and acting upon the structure; thought the use of a stiff brush, with constitutional remedies, would be the proper treatment in such cases.

Dr. Dean thought the absorption, when not caused by local irritation, is the result of defective nutrition.

Under the suspension of the rules, Dr. Freeman offered a paper on the "Observed effect of premature Extraction of temporary Teeth," in which he affirmed that the premature extraction of temporary teeth frequently produced irregularities, and sometimes, as he thought, retarded the early coming of the permanent teeth.

Dr. Forbes thought that the development of the maxillary bones did not depend on the presence of the teeth; that the blood vessels that permeate the maxillary, supply the osseous material for its formation; had not observed any ill effects from premature extraction of deciduous teeth.

Dr. Cushing never removed deciduous teeth, unless they became a source of irritation through disease.

Dr. French regarded the presence of the temporary teeth necessary for the development of the jaw.

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EDITORIAL.

"LOCAL FEELING."

We regret that some regard this Journal from a *local* stand-point with local feelings, and seemingly withhold their support because it is not under the editorial wing of this or that man, or printed and published in the upper Province. We never once thought of boundaries, politics, parties or men in starting this project; it was an apparent necessity; and was, with us personally, the renewal of a similar attempt made two years ago, under less favorable auspices than at present. The question "how best to promote and extend progress, add to our knowledge, develop our native talent, protect our interests, and harmonize our views," did not seem to our mind to require any local view for solution. It was felt that the Association would create a cosmopolitanism and liberality of sentiment which would extend unbiassed sympathy and support to any Dental enterprise in *Canada*, whether it smacked of Gaspé, or of Sarnia.

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