

CLINICS.

At 1.30 o'clock p.m., clinics were held. Dr. C. A. Timme, of New York, demonstrated the use of enamel for inlays ; also facing gold crowns with the same material ; and explained the use of a new seamless gold and platinum iridium crown and thermo-cautery apparatus for dental operations. Dr. F. S. Belyea, of Boston, gave a very interesting Clinic on "Crown and Bridge Work." Dr. G. W. Hoffman, of White River Junction, took the subject, "Rapid Gold-filling by the Newbon Reinforcing Process." Dr. G. O. Webster, of St. Albans, gave a clinic on "Staining of Artificial Teeth," and Dr. J. E. Waitt, of Boston, finished the series with one on "The Packard Inhaler."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session, of the 17th, opened at 4.30 o'clock. Dr. W. George Beers, of Montreal, read a paper on "Some Observations during Pregnancy." He gave an exhaustive treatise of the subject, citing the principal authorities and investigations that have been made, and giving the methods of treatment in various cases that he has employed with success. This department of dental science is not as yet thoroughly understood, though beneficial and preventive treatment is prescribed with satisfactory results. In the study of "The Micro-Organisms of the Mouth," it is believed that there may lie some explanation of certain conditions of the teeth during pregnancy.

"Pulp Protection by Cavity Lining," a paper read by Dr. George F. Cheney, of St. Johnsbury, was a valuable feature of the meeting. He believed that, in most cases, a lining should be used with metallic fillings. Sandarac varnish was the substance that Dr. Cheney said he found most useful for a cavity lining.

Dr. Horatio C. Merriam, of Salem, Mass., presented a paper on "Professional Journalism." To preserve and advance the specialism of dentistry, there must be, as in everything else, free thought, free speech, and a free, untrammelled journalism. The counting-room should not be allowed to dictate what goes into the journal. Advertising space should be open at equal rates to all manufacturers of dental goods. A comparatively new departure is the *International Dental Journal*, which is designed to meet the above requirements.

Dr. A. J. Parker, of Bellows Falls, read a paper on "First Dentition." This period is a very important one in the life of persons. Improper care of infants, and bad nourishment or over-feeding are to be avoided. Food that does not require mastication should be used almost exclusively. Lancing the gums often gives immediate relief. The session then adjourned.