

same manner as described by Dr. Goddard ; all were very satisfactory.

Dr. DeCamp, This is a subject of great importance to all, and especially to the younger members of the profession

Gold is doubtless the best material known for filling teeth ; but there may be a diversity of opinion as to the form or condition. I have used it in every form in which it has been presented ; foil, crystal, sponge and shred. Some of these, I have observed, discolor after being in use for a time. I have attained better success, made more reliable fillings with soft gold foil, than with anything else. In superficial and difficult cavities, I usually prefer adhesive gold. The form, size, and location of the cavity to be filled, will to some extent determine the kind of gold ; I fill extensively with blocks or cylinders.

Dr. Watt, There is a great want of uniformity in all the preparations of gold. This arises from two sources, viz. : the mechanical and chemical manipulation.

Much of our failure to secure good results with new materials and new forms, arises from a want of the proper knowledge to direct their use. Gold perfectly crystalized is, I think, the best form in which it has yet been used. The production of this requires a high degree of chemical knowledge. Crystal gold can not be made as cheaply as foil. Far greater rapidity of execution in filling is attained with crystal gold than with gold foil.

Dr. Arrington, I am not exclusive in my practice, nor in my teaching. I used "Lamb's Gold" for a time, I then thought it good ; but have found several samples of it very imperfect, which illustrates what Prof. Watt has said upon that point. I regard "Watt's Sponge Gold" as better than any kindred preparation that I have used ; but I have my fears that it sometimes clogs, and does not conform to all inequalities. I use perhaps non-adhesive foil more than anything else ; use nothing for filling but gold and os-artificial. Have put in these fillings in the manner described by Dr. Goddard ; I used porcelain, but I now think the natural tooth would be better. I have always condemned the use of amalgam for filling teeth, because it is not reliable, and because of its pernicious influence upon the profession. I do not use "Hill's Stopping," because "os-artificial" is better. In many cases the latter makes excellent fillings, and under no circumstances can it result in injury.

Dr. G. W. Field, By permission, I would ask, if there is any efficient treatment for Dental exostosis, and if so, what it is ?