

KEEPING the points of contact away from the union of filling and enamel, and the thorough bevelling of all edges constitute, in my opinion, the most important of precautions in cavity preparation.—*F. Schumacher, Stomatological Gazette.*

AFTER-PAINS OF EXTRACTION.—A single drop of nitro-glycerine—one per cent. solution—in half a glass of cold water is potent and reliable, and lasting in its effects. It is also a marvelous benefit in neuralgia and for the bad headaches following dental operations.—*Ed. H. Bowne, in Items of Interest.*

YOU CAN TAKE YOUR CHOICE.—To the question, "Is sensitive dentine an abnormal condition?" the following answers are found in the *Review*: Nays: Dr. Cravens, of Indianapolis; Dr. Guilford, of Philadelphia; Dr. Darby, of Philadelphia. Yeas: Dr. Abbott, of New York; Dr. Andrews, of Cambridge; Dr. Barrett, of Buffalo.

ONE very weak point in crowning is the almost universal use of zinc phosphate for the cementing material. Gutta-percha is so much more reliable and durable as a cement, besides allowing the crowns to be removed upon the application of heat whenever necessary, that it seems strange more operators do not use it in preference to the phosphate cements.—*S. E. Davenport, D.D.S., M.D.S., New York, in Dental Digest.*

WHAT SHOULD BE THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE IDEAL FILLING? —I will enumerate them: 1. Easy to mix; 2. Easy to introduce; 3. Adhesive to walls; 4. Sufficiently plastic; 5. Sufficiently quick setting; 6. Resistance to attrition; 7. Good edge strength; 8. Non-shrinking; 9. Non-expanding; 10. Non-irritating; 11. Non-conducting; 12. Tooth color; 13. Enamel finish; 14. Insoluble.—*J. Foster Flaggs, D.D.S., Philadelphia, Pa., in Items of Interest.*

WHILE in Canada the matriculation which gained entrance for the speaker to the R.C.P.S. in Ontario a short time ago, a college whose curriculum covers a period of five years, and whose graduates are not inferior to those of the best institutions of London and Edinburgh, would to-day deny him entrance to the leading school of dentistry in the same Province. I think these improvements are along the right line—the more intellectual the men found in a profession, the better for that profession. The proper time to develop and train the intellect is before the study of a profession is entered upon. It is to the credit of dentistry, which fifty years ago had not a college graduate, that nearly seven per cent. of her recent graduates are possessed of degrees in the arts and science, and over fifty per cent. hold diplomas of high schools and academies.—*Dr. C. H. Nicholson in Dental Practitioner.*