

of death, but the cultivation of them has been with man himself, and he has succeeded in bringing them to maturity to a deplorable extent. He was intended to come into the world with every organ performing its functions, normally, until in due course of time, natural decay returned him to the dust from whence he came. As far as the teeth are concerned, and these are what we have to deal with, how many come short of realizing the designs of nature. It is quite the exception to find a person who has not been the subject of suffering and premature decay of these organs, before arriving at the prime of life. The state of the general health during the formation of the teeth determines the quality of these organs, and consequently their susceptibility to morbid impressions. It is now a settled point that teeth in a normal condition receive regular nutrition the same as any other organ or tissue of the body, and that their health and vigor depend upon the manner in which all the other organs perform their function, and the supply of such elements of nutrition as their nature requires. Such being the case, how obvious it is that a strict compliance with hygienic laws is necessary, for a normal condition of these organs, during the period of gestation and after life. The teeth being, perhaps, more remotely situated from the centre of the function of nutrition, in fact being at its periphery, and having less recuperative power than any other tissue, and being more exposed to the action of morbid agents, it is the more necessary that special attention be paid to everything pertaining to their well being. It will be my object in a future article on this subject to point out wherein man has failed to carry out the designs of his nature, and the reasons of the premature decay of the teeth.

PROCEEDINGS OF SOCIETIES.

DENTAL ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN NEW YORK.

The seventh semi-annual session of this Association, was held in the Supervisor's room, Court House, Rochester, commencing on Tuesday the 4th instant, at 10 a m.

Dr. French, the President, in the chair.

Dr. W. C. Barrett, Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Dr.