

teeth by premature extraction, must there not be necessarily a hindrance in growth for want of that substance?

Dr. COGSWELL—That is why I asked the question whether it is necessary to have the deciduous teeth in for the proper growth of the permanent teeth.

Dr. MAGEE—I do not think it makes any difference. If a deciduous tooth has been absorbed in a normal condition we will find a little red spot in the middle of it. It is my opinion that nature has that little thing there to absorb the tooth. If the tooth is dead that thing will not be there, but it is always present in a live tooth. The dissolved structure is carried all through the system as anything else would be. It is not necessary that that little red spot should eat away the structure of that deciduous tooth and carry it downstairs to the new one growing there. It eats up and pays into the system.

Dr. C. O. WEBSTER—Referring to the question as to whether the absorption of a deciduous tooth is necessary to the development of the permanent teeth, I don't think it is, for the reason that there is quite a thick tissue between the teeth; the teeth are not directly connected. There is a tissue there, and as our St. John brother says, I don't know how the material is got downstairs, but there are two sets of cells, one torn down and the other building up. I don't know where the material goes to, but don't think it can have any effect on the permanent teeth directly.

Upon motion of Dr. F. A. Godsoc, seconded by Dr. Sangster, a vote of thanks was extended to all those members who had given papers during the evening.

Upon motion of Dr. Thomson, Mr. W. H. Town was requested to address the meeting.

ADDRESS BY MR. W. H. TOWN, OF THE S. S. WHITE
DENTAL MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

I would not if I could, and could not if I would, read a paper to you at this late hour of the night. The principal reason is because there was a misunderstanding about the programme forwarded to the S. S. White Company. This subject of myself and the company was left entirely out and I did not prepare a paper. However, I will give you a brief resume of what I might have written; it will not detain you long. I commenced my career in this house in '56, under the name of Jones & White. I have had the honor of serving under the four different names of this company. I thank you, gentlemen, with your high professional standard, for the recognition involved in this invitation.

Personally, I never knew a man so white, so lovely all the way through, so organized, so humanitarian and all-embracing in his mind to whom it could have been said as Shakespeare said of