

he was operating for. He mentioned a case which came under his immediate observation, where a young man had filled a front tooth with amalgam, and told the person it was better than gold. He made those remarks that the public might be on their guard against all persons making similar unscrupulous remarks. There were cases where it was necessary to use it, for in country towns the public would not go to the expense of a gold filling, especially a large one. He made very little difference between the price of gold and amalgam, in order that they might choose the best material. He recommended practitioners to advise the use of gold in all cases where it could be done conveniently and prudently, and denounced the idea of a dentist becoming subservient to the will and dictation of his patient, as too often the case.

A D Lalonde, Brockville, was opposed to the abuse of amalgam, because it would "stick" country patients would ask for it. Dentists should use their discretion.

F G Callender, Cobourg, was using the mallet and succeeded well with it. He found his poorest patients willing to pay the price necessary for good work when informed as to its benefits. He believed it was more the abuse of amalgam in the indiscriminate recommending and using, by the incompetent, at unremunerative rates, that we had to condemn, and regretted to say that many of even a fair reputation, were guilty of injustice to our cause, by the great inducements on account of the price charged for the inferior work and material to be chosen by our patients, which in most cases, not only proved a sacrifice of time and money paid for such work, but a source of suffering and loss of the teeth so filled, and frequently a neglect and loss of the rest of the teeth, which might otherwise have been saved. He felt a work was before us; that the teaching of the past may be averted. First, we must inform ourselves in all that pertains to the duties and interests of the profession, that we may fully satisfy the demands upon us. Then, and not until then are we prepared to impart the necessary instruction to our patrons and the public, a duty we owe to those around

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