

Dr. G. H. Swift, of Manchester, was unanimously, and at his request, removed from the active list and made an honorary member. Dr. Staples moved that a committee be appointed to draw a resolution expressing regret at the condition of Dr. Swift which makes it necessary for him to sever his active connection with the society, stating the gratitude of all members at the valuable services rendered by him. The Examining Board, of which Dr. Swift is a member, was constituted a committee to prepare such resolutions for presentation.

The session was then adjourned until the next day.

The following filed applications for membership, and were accepted: Dr. H. L. Cleaves, of Montpelier; Dr. C. W. Steel, of Barre; Dr. H. A. Dalrymple, of Rutland. President Curtis found it necessary to change the programme somewhat. Dr. J. E. Waitt, of Boston, explained the method of giving anæsthesia rapidly with a new and improved inhaler. Prof. J. H. Linsley, of New York, read a comprehensive paper on "The Micro-Organisms of the Mouth," which showed much study and a thorough understanding of the subject. A short discussion followed. On motion of Dr. Chase, a vote of thanks was extended Prof. Linsley, and he was also made an honorary member of the society, on motion of Dr. Hodge.

President Curtis then made his annual address, calling the attention of his hearers to the marvellous strides made by nearly all professions as a result of the developing and enlarging of the human mind. He advised the young men not to enter dentistry in search of a fortune, for it was no field for the accumulation of wealth, and they would feel all the while like the man who mortgaged his house to take stock in Fort Payne. Mr. Curtis said that young men desiring to enter the profession should be thoroughly examined as to fitness, thereby relieving the profession of many men whose type is a stumbling-block to dentistry.

It was voted to have one hundred copies of the President's address printed.

Dr. K. Longfellow Cleaves, of Montpelier, expressed his views on "The Formation and Care of the Teeth," in a well-written paper, and his thoughts seemed to meet with universal approval by those present.

A paper on "The Use of Gutta Percha as a Root Canal Filling," by Dr. Forest G. Eddy, of Providence, R.I., came next. Dr. Eddy recommended that kind of filling for his part of the country, as it tended to lessen the danger of the ague, which is prevalent there to some extent, but he did not know how it would work here. Dr. Cheney and Dr. Maher discussed the paper briefly, and an adjournment was taken for dinner.