

of Prof. J. J. McKenzie, of Toronto University and the Dental College.

Prof. Wright showed by his very excellent slides how the evolution might be traced from a very rudimentary state, where the teeth are in layers or strata. In the case of the shark, when one stratum of teeth is worn off the next lower takes their place. This arrangement corresponds with the temporary and permanent teeth in man. From the lantern slides showing the teeth of the cat, the dog, the bear, etc., it was very clearly and convincingly shown that nature tends to develop the useful and get rid of the less useful in this as in all other fields of her operation.

The presentation of an address on "The Clinical History and Pathology of Alveolar Abscess," by Dr. J. B. Willmott, was one of the most interesting and practical portions of the programme. Dr. Willmott demonstrated by means of a fine series of lantern slides the different types of abscess, and the different stages in their development, also the dangers attendant on their presence in the alveolars.

Dr. Willmott was followed by Dr. D. C. Smith, of Stouffville, in a paper on "Treatment of Alveolar Abscess," and a discussion was introduced by Dr. J. F. Adams. The point that chiefly bothered Dr. Adams was how to relieve at once the severe pain suffered by the patient who comes to the office perhaps at two or three o'clock a.m. and wants tooth saved.

Dr. C. N. Johnson, Chicago, said the best way to avoid trouble of that kind was to have office down town and live five or six miles away from it.

Dr. G. V. Black, of Chicago, being invited to answer Dr. Adams' question, gave his method of relieving severe pain from abscess. He would take a strong knife and with a quick stroke would cut right down through alveolus to the seat of abscess. The relief is instant and the remedy not as severe as one might think.

Dr. C. E. Klotz described his method of getting down a curved or contracted root by means of a barbed Donaldson bristle, used with a sawing motion.

Dr. C. N. Johnson being asked to describe his method of amputating root, did so by means of a diagram on blackboard. He enlarges fistulous opening by means of a tent of cotton so as to get access, then cuts off apex of root with drill in engine.

At the evening session Dr. M. G. McElhinney, of Ottawa, read a thoughtful paper entitled, "In the Matter of Advertising."

The discussion was opened by Dr. J. E. Wilkinson, Toronto, who advocated educating the public as the best means of off-setting the advertising quack.