

in view of the resolution adopted for joint meeting for next year, the whole matter be left in the hands of Executive Committee. Carried.

The following resolution was offered by Dr. A. C. Cogswell and seconded by Dr. F. Woodbury:

Resolved,—That a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Co., in view of the interest they have ever shown in this Association, and more especially in view of their kindness in inducing at this time and without expense to this society, Dr. Laskey, of Marblehead, Mass., and Dr. Partridge, of Lawrence, Mass., to demonstrate before the society various interesting points of practice; and, *Further*, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the secretary at an early date. Carried.

M^r. Towne, of the S. S. White Dental Manufacturing Co., being present, acknowledged most acceptably the thoughtful appreciation of this society and wished again to express the desire of his company to advance the best interests of the dental profession.

Dr. Thomson reported that he had been commissioned by the ladies to thank the Association for courtesies extended to them in connection with the excursion of the afternoon.

Nothing further offering, the ninth annual convention was, on motion, adjourned.

F. W. RYAN, *Secretary*.

Selections

THE EARLY DECAY OF THE TEETH IN BRITAIN.

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Since the announcement appeared that I intended reading a paper upon this subject, I have received numerous letters expressing interest in the matter, and asking questions of various kinds. That the teeth of our children are in a bad way is an acknowledged fact, proved over and over again by scientifically-conducted investigations which leave no doubt on the subject. The teeth of our school children in all grades of society, in our public schools and in our Board schools, have been examined and fully reported upon. The result of all such inquiries has been the publication of statistics proving an abnormal amount of disease. The national importance of this can hardly be over-estimated. We cannot expect to rear a healthy race on carious teeth, and it is to try to stem an evil which is sapping our national strength that I would seek your