

this kind but thanks to dental associations and dental literature you are so familiar with them, that it would scarcely be profitable to you for me to do so. It is not alone to improved instruments that we are indebted for the excellence of operations of the present day. There is a desire to excel, stimulated by dental association that has done much towards it, there is thoroughness to our work which produces results beyond what we knew of a few years ago, but, do not let us think that we have attained perfection, and that there is nothing more to learn. Let us attend the meetings of our Association, and study to improve, and whatever we do let us know that it is well done, and try to do better than before, and we will improve.

Dr. Daboll said that he never uses soft foil in filling teeth ; thinks that a *perfect* filling can be made by commencing the filling with Morgan's plastic gold, and finishing with adhesive foil ; thinks that the plastic gold, can, by its adaptability to even the slightest irregularity of the cavity, be so fixed in its position, as to be retained in the tooth, even after portions of the tooth have been broken away ; does not believe it possible to make as good a filling with cylinders, or soft gold in any form, as with Morgan's plastic and adhesive foil ; thinks the rubber dam very useful for keeping the mouth dry while filling, when it can be applied, but prefers the duct buttons and duct compressors in most cases.

Dr. French uses adhesive foil, but cannot, like Dr. Daboll, entirely condemn soft foil ; as he has seen many teeth filled with it, that have been perfectly preserved for a great number of years, and is of the opinion that we have made a mistake in abandoning its use to the extent that most of us have done. He candidly believes that there have been more bad fillings put in within the last few years, since the improvements have been made in operative instruments, than during the same length of time at any previous period. The *comparative* ease with which fillings can be made now, with the new instruments, has made most of us careless. He thinks, what most of us call soft foil, does not retain its adhesive property, to the same extent, when heated, that the gold which we call adhesive does ; our patients almost always appreciate good operations, and therefore, it is the duty of the dentist to make them as perfect as possible.

Dr. Daboll said that *pure* gold possesses the property of adhesiveness ; so much is this the case, that when a sheet of *pure* gold foil is