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## 1935 Greetings

It seems appropriate to utilize the first issue of the Bulletin in 1935 to wish every member of the Virginia State Dental Association a most happy and prosperous New Year.

Reports from all sections of the State indicate that the old year just passed was quite an improvement over its predecessors, and while it is just a little early to make predictions, I think we can look forward to a big, bright 1935; at least we can be optimistic about it, for optimism goes a long way toward making things better.

To keep up with the spirit and traditions of New Years, let's make some resolutions:

First—That we are members of the best Dental Association in the country.

Second—That it is the best Dental Association in the country because we are members of it.

Third—That every ethical dentist in the State (not now a member) should and must be with us, and that we will resolve ourselves into committees of one to go get them before the year is out.

Fourth—That we will send in our dues NOW and not wait until the annual meeting in July to make Dr. Wash happy.

Fifth—That we will mail our checks today for the A. D. A. relief stamps and help swell the fund for our indigent brother practitioners.

Sixth—That we will do the same for the Red Cross seals, thereby doing our part to stamp out the Great White Plague.

Seventh—That we will start now to prepare our clinics for the annual meeting and mail the "title" thereof to Dr. M. S. Jenkins, Roanoke, before he has to beg you for it.

Eighth—That we will support at all times the A. D. A. "Beneficial Circle."

Ninth—That we will all attend the next meeting at Hot Springs, July 1-2-3, if it is the only vacation we have all summer.

Tenth—That we will *make* and *keep* these resolutions in the hope that they will bring to us all *health, happiness* and *prosperity* in 1935.

I'll be looking for you at the Five State Post-Graduate Clinic, in Washington, in March.

J. T. ASHTON, *President.*

## OUR 1935 MEETING

Since our 1935 meeting is now only four months away, as chairman of local arrangements committee, I feel it my duty to say something about the meeting at the Homestead Hotel for the benefit of our members who have never visited Hot Springs or have never had the opportunity to know what an ideal place the Homestead is for a meeting.

Geographically, Hot Springs is located near the center of the State. This statement may sound as an exaggeration when we think of it as being only twenty-five miles from the West Virginia border, but when we consider the extreme southwestern part of Virginia we will find it about equal distance from that section as it is from Norfolk. Hot Springs is situated in the heart of the Alleghany mountains, having an altitude of 2,500 feet with an ideal summer climate and with hard-surfaced roads leading from all directions. The Homestead Hotel is sufficiently large to house the Virginia Dental Association and have all sessions, clinics and exhibits under the same roof.

The only objection that I have ever heard voiced against Hot Springs as a meeting place was that the hotel rates may be too high. A schedule of rates has been worked out that I believe will be within the means of every member of the Virginia State Dental Association. Rates in the Homestead will be: One person, occupying room with bath, \$9.00 per day; two persons occupying room with bath, \$8.00 per day each. These rates include meals and service.

Besides the Homestead there is the Cascade Inn and Vine Cottage. The Cascade Inn is a lovely little hotel of about sixty rooms located at Healing Springs, just three miles from the Homestead, with free bus service to and from the Homestead. The rates here are \$5.50 per day per person, including meals. Vine Cottage is another lovely little hotel of about forty rooms, most of which have private baths, located in Hot Springs about two blocks from the Homestead. The rates at Vine Cottage are \$5.00 to \$5.50 per day per person, including meals. It does seem with this range of rates it would be hard to go any place to attend the meeting more cheaply than one can go to Hot Springs.

While we hope the members will attend all sessions of the meeting, there is always one afternoon set aside for the golf tournament. On that afternoon, for those who do not care to play golf, there are tennis, swimming, horseback riding and skeet shooting. The committee will be very glad to arrange a tournament in any or all of the



above sports if enough members express a desire for such a tournament. The committee is already planning a skeet shoot on the afternoon that the golf tournament is held. So, fellows, bring your guns along and see how good you are at breaking the targets. We want every member of the Association to enjoy one of the forms of recreation on the afternoon set aside for play. We will begin very soon mailing to every member of the Virginia State Dental Association booklets about the Homestead Hotel and Hot Springs. May I ask you not to just chuck them in the waste basket as you would a piece of cheap advertising, but open them and look them over carefully as they contain very interesting information about one of the world's finest resorts.

As I said in the beginning, Hot Springs is easily accessible either by train or motor, with a perfect summer climate. The thermometer rarely going above 85 degrees in the hottest part of the day, and the rates I have mentioned I truly believe are as low as we could possibly get in any city in Virginia. So let us all begin to make our plans now to attend the meeting of the Virginia State Dental Association, July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and enjoy a real three days rest in the mountains of Virginia at the same time.

H. C. BURRUS, *Chairman,*  
*Local Arrangements Committee.*

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## FIVE STATE POST-GRADUATE CLINIC

March 18-19-20, 1935

THE WARDMAN PARK HOTEL

Washington, D. C.

The District of Columbia Dental Society will be host to the State Societies of

MARYLAND, DELAWARE, NORTH CAROLINA

WEST VIRGINIA, VIRGINIA

All members of the American Dental Association are welcome.

For hotel accommodations, write Dr. J. Winslow Taylor, 1726 Eye Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Monday, March 18, 1935

Dr. Sterling V. Meade, Dr. Howard J. Newton and Dr. Daniel F. Lynch will offer the following:

1. Pre-Operative Treatment :
  - (a) Selection of Anesthesia.
  - (b) Diagnosis of Lesions of Hard Tissues.
  - (c) Diagnosis of Lesions of Soft Tissues.
2. Lunch. (Intermission.)
3. Operative Procedures in Exodontia.
4. Post-Operative Treatment :
  - (a) Immediate.
  - (b) Complications.

**Monday Evening, March 18, 1935, at 8:00 P. M.**

NATHAN CAYTON

*Judge of the Municipal Court of the District of Columbia*

Subject: "Medical-Dental Jurisprudence"

Contrary to announcement in previous issue, the committee deems it advisable to make this a closed session to the dental profession and invited members of the medical profession.

**Tuesday, March 19, 1935—9 to 12 A. M.**

DR. A. P. LITTLE

"Casting in Partial Denture Construction for the  
General Practitioner"

**Tuesday, March 19, 1935—2 to 5 P. M.**

DR. DEFOREST DAVIS

"Crown and Bridge Work"

**Tuesday, March 19, 1935—7:30 P. M.**

Dinner Dance

All-Star Entertainment sponsored by Station WJSV  
of the Columbia Broadcasting System

**Wednesday, March 20, 1935—9 to 11 A. M.**

DR. GEORGE WOOD CLAPP

Subject: "What Effect Will Insurance Dentistry or Socialized  
Dentistry Have on Our Practice"

**Wednesday, March 20, 1935—2 to 5 P. M.**

Table Clinics

**Exhibits:** All exhibit space has been sold and the exhibitors and the committee are planning to give to the profession the largest and the best directed exhibit ever displayed in this section of the country.

An exhibit of hobbies of local dentists will be offered as a novel feature.

Visiting ladies will be entertained by the District of Columbia Dental Society Ladies' Auxiliary.

DR. JOSEPH F. MANLEY,  
*Chairman, Publicity Committee.*

1726 Eye Street, N. W.

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### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS\*

S. D. KENT, Danville, Va.

Mr. Chairman, Fellow Members and Distinguished Guests: It becomes my pleasant duty at the opening of this our Sixty-fifth Annual Session to address you concerning the affairs of our Association and to submit for your consideration a record of the numerous things that have been undertaken in your behalf.

It is needless for me to attempt to express my appreciation of this the highest honor in your power to give. After the responsibilities of the year have passed, the memories of your kindness to me will go with me through the years as an abiding source of joy.

An organization such as ours provides three means of moulding the well-rounded professional life: Education, Protection, and Cooperation.

In one's student days the word commencement seemed to be completely out of place. However, with the sobering influence of time, we well realize that graduation day was truly the commencement of either a real yearning for continued improvement of mind and skill, or of the beginning of senility and decay. In no better way could one set out to attain the former than through taking an active interest in the organized groups of his profession.

The rights and privileges under which we daily practice are in a great measure a heritage that we owe to those who have labored well and passed on. To see to it that those who follow us shall not lose, but through our efforts shall gain an even greater opportunity, should be the aim of each of us.

There are none of us but could learn that our competitor is truly

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\*Read before the Sixty-fifth Annual Session of the Virginia State Dental Association, Charlottesville, Va., April 30, 1934.

a fine fellow were we to meet oftener in friendly co-operation. The more closely we become associated in the doing of a worth-while task, the greater the feeling of mutual dependence, the more closely are we drawn to that standard of conduct of all the ages, "The Golden Rule."

It was indeed a privilege and pleasure to represent you at the annual conference of the State Society Officers held in Chicago, August 6, 1933. I thank you for having made it possible for me to attend.

The set-up of the conference is most simple. There are no officers, by-laws or standing committees. The President and the Secretary of the American Dental Association serve as acting officials.

There was provided a program lasting almost continuously from 9:30 A. M. until 9:30 P. M. The feature items were the papers by Dr. James H. Ferguson, Jr., of Maryland, Dr. Albert R. Ross of Indiana, Dr. R. W. Huegel of Wisconsin, and Dr. Fred A. Richmond of Kansas. The subjects were arrived at by a questionnaire sent to the officials of each State long before the meeting. All of the papers were well worth-while, but the one thing above all else to justify the existence of the organization, in my humble opinion, is that you may have together each year a representative from each State society, and an abundance of time for round-table discussion of any problem that one chooses to present.

It should give the officers of the American Dental Association a perspective they could get in no other way, as time will not allow them to go into each State and Territory represented in the course of a year. Then, in no other way can your State representative become so familiar with the problems and viewpoints of the men representing the entire nation.

I also wish to express my appreciation of having been designated as one of your delegates to the Chicago meeting of the American Dental Association. The report of the chairman of the Virginia delegation will be made later.

I. It is customary for the American Dental Association Relief Committee, as well as similar State committees, to be relatively a non-changing body. It is suggested by the American Dental Association relief chairman that, due to the knowledge gained by experience, we might profit by having our members succeed themselves.

This is offered for your consideration and not as a recommendation.



II. The American Dental Association membership plan, which was adopted at Chicago last August, was put in operation March 1st of this year. Due to the fact that our State Association had not met and authorized such action, we were unable to enter Virginia in the contest. However, I feel that it has sufficient merit for most careful consideration, and I hope that we shall be able to join the other States in a united effort at strengthening the forces of Organized Dentistry.

At a recent Component meeting, your President, President-elect, Secretary, and your 1931 Chairman of Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws were present. We were most happy to see their Component membership make a gain of 100 per cent. This particular section having been largely unorganized, we felt that it was a distinct asset to be credited to the Component idea. However, not one of us mentioned the fact that it was unconstitutional to admit members to the Component unless they also joined the State and American organizations at the same time. While I cannot speak for the other three, I personally felt that under such conditions as prevailed there, to have done so would have dealt a crippling blow from which it would have taken years to recover. The books of our Secretary show only two members gained from that meeting. Thus you can see that it is possible that a Component membership committee chairman may not be a member of the State Association. Even though he were, he might not be conscious of the fact that he and his committee hold the sole responsibility of infusing new life into our ranks.

Your officers have felt distinctly at a loss this year, by reason of having no direct official contact with the membership committees of the several Component societies. Had it been felt wise to have had the new by-laws of 1931 enforced from their adoption, ere this time the problems would likely have been solved, either to our gain or loss.

Until the time arrives when it is deemed wise to enforce to the letter the constitutional provision as to membership, it would seem most essential that your officers have a direct contact with the recruiting officers of the Components.

"A State Membership Committee composed of the chairman of each of the eight Component Membership Committees, said chairmen to be appointed by the Component and the State Presidents jointly."

This I recommend as a resolution to be in force until rescinded, and not as a constitutional amendment.

III. Last year your President recommended that a committee on the Costs of Medical Care, etc., be appointed to make a study, a report, and such recommendations as they deemed wise. The Association went on record as being in favor of having same referred to the Legislative Committee.

New dental laws are being agitated and passed or defeated at such a rapid rate in America, that it is my belief that the Legislative Committee with its normal duties, plus the added necessity of making a detailed study of such legislation, should be relieved of the study of Costs of Medical Care, etc. This I recommend.

IV. The bibliography of the so-called State, Insurance, or Panel Dentistry, as listed by the library of the American Dental Association, contains approximately 498 books, papers and editorials. Even now we are embarked on an intensive educational program to acquaint the American people with the value of adequate dental services. Do we bear in mind that only about 25 per cent are able to pay for such care? The 75 per cent who need the services may demand the same of our Government. They will have the votes. Will we be prepared with a program, or will we be forced to accept one prepared for us?

I believe this to be the gravest problem that dentistry has ever been called on to solve. It seems most necessary that a committee be created to make such a study and report annually.

To Article XII may be added section 7, "Professional Conservation." This I recommend.

V. Our President of last year made another recommendation that would have provided officially for our three delegates to the American Dental Association. However, in the report of the committee on same, which was the part of the recommendation formally adopted, appeared the following: "We concur in the recommendation that the President be included as a delegate to the annual meeting of the American Dental Association." Provision for the other delegates should be made in the Constitution.

To Article XI, section 1, page 10, immediately following the word "Association," on line 5, may be inserted the following: "Shall appoint annually delegates to the American Dental Association, who shall make a report at the following meeting of the Virginia State Dental Association." This I recommend.

VI. There is no constitutional provision for calling a special meeting of the Executive Council. It would seem wise that such a provision be made.

To Article VII, following section 2, may be added section 2A, reading as follows: "Special meetings of the Executive Council may be called at the discretion of its chairman, or upon the written application of five of its membership of fifteen."

This I recommend.

VII. Since our bulletin reaches our entire membership, it would seem desirable that in so far as it is practical, the editor be required to publish at least two articles of educational character each year, setting forth the advantages to be gained by the whole-hearted support of Organized Dentistry.

In Article XIII, section 6, after the word "publication," may be added: "shall attempt in so far as is practical to publish at least two articles of educational character each year setting forth the advantages to be gained by the support of Organized Dentistry."

This I recommend.

VIII. To further cement the feeling of mutual dependence, the one section to the other, to present for discussion the problems that may have recently arisen, to give information and guidance for the benefit of our State as a whole, it would seem highly desirable that the Executive Council and the Component Society officers hold an annual meeting at least three months prior to the regular meeting of the State Association, the time and place to be selected by the State President and the Secretary.

To Article VII, section 4, may be added the following: "The Executive Council and the Component Society officers shall hold an annual meeting at least three months prior to the regular meeting of the State Association, the time and place to be selected by the State President and the Secretary." This I recommend.

An attempt to thank the committees that have labored so well in your behalf is but to call the roll. You owe to each of them appreciation for their loyalty and zeal.

Your Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. A. M. Wash, knows his job and is ever on the alert to do that which is best for you. I wish to publicly thank him.

The real work of the American Dental Association is done by the Board of Trustees. It is an enormous undertaking and carries a tremendous responsibility. The Nation is divided into thirteen districts. The fifth district includes Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi. We are indeed quite happy that we have a man so outstanding as to be selected

to represent these seven States. In being so honored, you have honored us, Harry Bear. May you be defeated—never.

I would at this time make an especial appeal to the younger men to be active in everything that concerns our organization. On you will fall the mantle of leadership of the future. Virginia's mark in dentistry can be no higher than your activities place it. We shall count on you. We know that we shall not be disappointed.

During the year passed there have been called from our number the following: Dr. John P. Stiff of Fredericksburg, Dr. G. Frank Joyce of Stuart, Dr. B. J. Pressey of Newport News, and a former member, Dr. J. G. Crockett of Pulaski.

May God's richest blessings be with the loved ones so bereaved, and may the passing of these co-workers ever be a reminder to us that "We must be up and doing while yet 'tis day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

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## RESOLUTIONS

**Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association at its Meeting in Chicago,**

**February 18, 1935**

The Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association believes that the enactment of a program of compulsory health insurance administered by the Federal Government, the governments of the individual States, or by any individual industry, community, or similar body, would inevitably lead to the regimentation and lay control of dental practice, which would not be in the interest of the public. That a lowering of the standards of dental practice would result is indicated by the evidence from compulsory health insurance legislation in the European countries, where it has been in operation for some years, where it has not only failed to accomplish the measures of alleviation expected of it, but also has seriously impeded practitioners of the healing art in the performance of their duties and has been a barrier to the further scientific development of the professions.

This Board of Trustees commends the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association and approves the action pertaining to compulsory health insurance taken at its meeting, February 16, 1935.



## AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

There are many important issues now before the dental profession. Many of these problems are receiving earnest study and consideration by the officers and Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association.

Resolutions were recently adopted by the Board of Trustees expressing its position on compulsory health insurance. The Committee on Economics is busily engaged in studying the many plans of health services which are in operation and which have been suggested. See the A. D. A. Journal for further information.

An increase in the membership of the American Dental Association has been reported. It is pertinent that every ethical dental practitioner be affiliated with organized dentistry, and it is the duty of all component societies to make every effort to enlarge their membership.

It is gratifying to report that the book, "Accepted Dental Remedies," published by the A. D. A. Council on Dental Therapeutics, has had a wide sale. Every practicing dentist should have a copy of this very important publication.

Dr. R. F. Simmons, Norfolk, is the State representative of the A. D. A. Committee on Economics. Local societies and individual dentists should keep Dr Simmons informed regarding local activities involving economics or dental health services.

HARRY BEAR, *Trustee,*  
*American Dental Association.*

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## "RISKS ARISING OUT OF ILL HEALTH"

The Report to the President of the Committee on Economic Security was presented on January 15th. The general outline and scope have been fully reported in the press. Of interest to the dental profession is that part dealing with "Risks Arising Out of Ill Health." It was thus pointed out that frequently the costs of illness bore unevenly on different families, and suggested the application of this insurance principle for meeting these unpredictable costs.

It was recommended that larger appropriations be made for public health services "as a logical step in dealing with the risks and

From the Report of the Committee on Economic Security, January 15, 1935.

losses of sickness is to begin by preventing sickness so far as is possible." Also the development of more adequate public health services is the first and most inexpensive step in furnishing economic security against illness.

It was pointed out that the nature of problems arising out of illnesses and the risks involved calls for an application of the insurance principle to replace the variable and uncertain costs for individuals.

While health insurance is not new in the United States, both non-profit and commercial having been employed, both forms have proved inadequate for protection and too expensive for those of small means.

Voluntary insurance, it is pointed out, has never been successful in the past, so it is futile to expect anything different in the future.

The committee recognizes that the successful operation of any plan will depend upon provisions of sound relations between the insured population and the members of the health profession.

While the final results of the studies are not now ready for publication, the following fundamentals for a sound plan of health insurance may be indicated at this time :

1. The fundamental goals of health insurance are: (a) The provision of adequate health and medical services to the insured population and their families; (b) the development of a system whereby people are enabled to budget the cost of wage loss and of medical costs; (c) the assurance of reasonably adequate remuneration to medical practitioners and institutions; (d) the development under professional auspices of new incentives for improvement in the quality of medical services.

2. In the administration of the services the medical professions should be accorded responsibility for the control of professional personnel and procedures and for the maintenance and improvement of the quality of service; practitioners should have broad freedom to engage in insurance practice, to accept or reject patients, and to choose the procedure of remuneration for their services; insured persons should have freedom to choose their physicians and institutions; and the insurance plan shall recognize the continuance of the private practice of medicine and the allied professions.

3. Health insurance should exclude commercial or other intermediary agents between the insured population and the professional agencies which serve them.

4. The insurance benefits must be considered in two broad classes:

(a) Cash payments in partial replacement of wage loss due to sickness and for maternity cases, and (b) health and medical services.

5. The administration of cash payments should be designed along the same general lines as for unemployment insurance and, so far as may be practical, should be linked with the administration of unemployment benefits.

6. The administration of health and medical services should be designed on a State-wide basis, under a Federal law of a permissive character. The administrative provisions should be adapted to agricultural and sparsely settled areas as well as to industrial sections, through the use of alternative procedures in raising the funds and furnishing the services.

7. The costs of cash payments to serve in partial replacement of wage loss are estimated as from 1 to  $1\frac{1}{4}$  per cent of payroll.

8. The costs of health and medical services, under health insurance, for the employed population with family earnings up to \$3,000 a year, is not primarily a problem of finding new funds, but of budgeting present expenditures so that each family or worker carries an average risk rather than an uncertain risk. The population to be covered is accustomed to expend, on the average, about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent of its income for medical care.

9. Existing health and medical services provided by public funds for certain diseases or for entire populations should be correlated with the services required under the contributory plan of health insurance.

10. Health and medical services for persons without income, now mainly provided by public funds, could be absorbed into a contributory insurance system through the payment by relief or other public agencies of adjusted contributions for these classes.

11. The role of the Federal Government is conceived to be principally (a) to establish minimum standards for health insurance practice, and (b) to provide subsidies, grants or other financial aids or incentives to States which undertake the development of health insurance systems which meet the Federal standards.

## DENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

The Dental Advisory Board appointed by Secretary Perkins, chairman of President Roosevelt's Committee on Economic Security, to cooperate with the Committee's Technical Staff in its studies of the relation of dentistry to public health, dental care and health insurance, includes the following: Dr. Frank M. Casto, President of the American Dental Association, Cleveland; Dr. J. Ben Robinson, President of the American College of Dentists, Baltimore; Dr. LeRoy Miner, Boston; Dr. Alfred Walker, New York City; Dr. John T. Hanks, New York City; Dr. George A. Coleman, Philadelphia; Dr. Q. W. Brandhorst, St. Louis; Dr. Herbert E. Phillips, Chicago; Dr. J. T. O'Rourke, Louisville; Dr. Bissell B. Palmer, New York City; Dr. Roy Green, Sacramento, Calif.

It is expected that these men are tried and true leaders and are guided by resolutions adopted by the Ad-Interim Committee of the American Dental Association and its Board of Trustees. This Board will probably make its report on or soon after March 1, 1935.

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## BUYING HEALTH

From *Survey Graphic* (monthly), 112 E. 19th St., New York, N. Y.

While the country looks forward to the recommendations of the President's Committee on Economic Security, with its national advisory council and collaborating committee of physicians, *Survey Graphic* brings out a special December number, "Buying Health," which gathers together for the first time formulations of policy that have appeared in the last six months from one professional body after another. They are impressive evidence of the mounting interest and conflict in group medicine and health insurance. Last summer statements of policy came in rapid succession from the American College of Surgeons (June 10); American Medical Association (June 12); The Committee on Economics, Canadian Medical Association (June 22); American Dental Association (August 9).

Recent developments are listed in the field of practical action opened up by the five years' study (1927-1932) of the Committee on the Costs of Medical Care, under the chairmanship of Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, member of the Hoover Cabinet and president of Leland Stanford. Voluntary arrangements for group insurance against hospital costs have grown by leaps and bounds during the past year. In some parts of the country similar voluntary plans for



physicians' services also have made a thriving start. Dr. Wilbur is quoted :

"Does it make any real difference to the doctor whether his payments come from collective savings rather than from the pocket of a patient, who has usually, through illness, lost his earning power? I have hopes that a consistent and intelligent discussion of the health insurance problem here in California will lead to its trial . . . "

On February 16, the house of delegates of the A. M. A. reiterated its vigorous opposition to the compulsory sickness insurance plans that are being studied by the President's Committee on Economic Security.

In Michigan, the State Medical Society has pioneered in formulating a state-wide plan described by the Society's former secretary, Dr. Frederick C. Warnshuis.

Voluntary use of the insurance principle *Survey Graphic* points out is the basis of the plan of the Michigan State Medical Society, and of programs approved in principle or practice, or both, by a growing number of other State medical societies. It is the basis of the principles laid down by the American College of Surgeons last June, and is consistent with the principles adopted in August by the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association.

Compulsory health insurance, rather than voluntary, is the basis of the plan before the Canadian Medical Association, as well as reports offered by lay groups in this country, including the American Association for Social Security and the technical staff of the Milbank Memorial Fund. The proponents of compulsory health insurance point to experience abroad and under our own use of workmen's compensation measures as an indication of the greater economy and effectiveness of a compulsory system, from the viewpoint of the community, the employers and insured. A study by the staff of the Milbank Memorial Fund indicates that a comprehensive and adequate compulsory service, including the services of general practitioner, specialist, nurse, general and special hospital, drugs, basic dentistry, laboratory, and so on, could be obtained at a cost of about \$27 a year if the entire population were insured, and for less if all but the well-to-do are covered. That \$27 is little more than the average of \$24 a year that Americans have been accustomed to pay privately for such services, though all classes, and especially the lower income groups, receive inadequate amounts of care.

Analysis of these sets of recommendations leads the *Survey*

*Graphic* to underscore that each maintains, so far as professional service is concerned, the personal relationship between doctor and patient, which the American Medical Association so often has emphasized. "Compulsory" or "voluntary" in respect to any of these proposals applies merely to payment; there is no measure in any of them to require physicians to work under the plan, to limit the patient's choice of a physician, or the physician's acceptance of a patient. All insisted on professional direction of professional services and on the exclusion of commercial intermediaries.

In an article on "Medicine's Right to Control," William Trufant Foster, director of the Pollak Foundation for Economic Research, declares:

"Nobody proposes to turn over medical services to the control of politicians. Nobody contends that a board of aldermen should decide when to operate for appendicitis. Nobody wishes to disturb, in the slightest degree, those precious personal relations between the individual patient and the individual practitioner. Doctors' bills, however, are not among those precious personal relations; and they are not medical services. . . . If by the 'right to control its own affairs' the organized profession means the right to decide how consumers of medical services shall pay for those services, the profession is demanding a kind of control which is granted to no other profession."

Among other contributions from laymen and professionals is "What of Dentistry?" by Bissell B. Palmer, D.D.S., president in 1934 of the American College of Dentists.

The symposium closes with an article by Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor and chairman of the President's Committee on Economic Security. Of sickness insurance, Miss Perkins says:

"Medical care for a large segment of our population has been both inadequate and an unfair burden on the medical profession which alone of all professions has been expected to render free service to the poor. . . . Compulsory health insurance has been accepted abroad by both physicians and lay persons as a great public benefaction. . . . The possibilities of some advance-payment plan for medical and hospital care, developed along lines adapted to our American conditions, are being studied for our committee."

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Bulletin readers will note a preponderance of articles in this issue relating to economic and social problems, voluntary and compulsory health insurance, and recent activities of the A. D. A. and its Board of Trustees.

For several years a changing social and economic order of things has been prophesied. Today, we are just taking our first steps into some of these changes. The time has arrived for talk and prophesy to crystallize into action. The dental profession must formulate workable plans for a more universal public health service. If we do not, something undesirable for the dentist or his patient may be forced upon us. The greater our organization's strength in numbers and in unity of thought, the greater are our chances for a satisfactory solution to our problems.

Many changes have already taken place, and these have been brought about largely through the medium of politics. The dental profession should awaken from its lethargy of political indifferences and become, as it were, politically minded.

Bills relating to public health and health insurance, and directly affecting the welfare of the dental profession, are being, and many have already been prepared, to present to the legislative bodies of every State in the Union. It may be necessary for dentistry to oppose some of these bills in toto or in part. Therefore, it is wise for the profession to be well organized, to be informed, to be alert, and to be slow to do anything that might kindle the ire of our legislative bodies, for we may have plenty of things to ask of them in the near future.

## CONTACT MAN FROM VIRGINIA ON LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF A. D. A.

President Frank M. Casto of the American Dental Association has appointed Dr. W. H. Street, of Richmond, as contact man from Virginia to keep the Legislative Committee of the American Dental Association posted as to legislation concerning dentistry in Virginia.

The Legislative Committee of the A. D. A. has rendered a remarkable service to dentistry, and this plan of having a contact man in each State will aid greatly in simplifying its work.

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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE A. D. A.

DR. J. T. ASHTON, *President*,  
DR. A. M. WASH, *Secretary*,  
Virginia State Dental Association.

My dear Doctors:

It is the desire of the Officers and Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association that a close relationship between the constituent societies and the parent body be maintained at all times. One of the channels through which this may be accomplished most effectively is by having the trustee in the respective districts appear upon the program of the State societies in his district and present to the membership matters of interest in regard to the activities of the national organization and discuss with the officers and members current problems which may be both of local and national concern.

The members of the Board of Trustees have each expressed a willingness to co-operate in this plan and will be available for your State program.

May I suggest that your program be so arranged that twenty-five or thirty minutes can be devoted to a message from your trustee, Dr. Harry Bear, 410 Professional Building, Richmond, Va., and that you extend him an invitation to appear upon it.

Under the present arrangement the expenses will have to be borne by the State Society. However, this in most cases will only be nominal and will, I am certain, be worth much more than the expenses incurred.

I need not tell you that unity of action and a greater solidarity of our organization is becoming progressively more important and



more necessary each year. Therefore, may I sincerely request that your society assist in carrying out any plan which may prove of benefit to the members of our organization and to the profession at large.

You may be assured that I will be very glad to render any assistance that I can to your society during the tenure of my office, but I realize that we must all put our shoulders to the wheel and work faithfully, diligently and unselfishly if the best interests of all are to be served, progress maintained, and further accomplishments achieved.

With kind regards to you and the members of your Society, I am,

Yours sincerely,

F. M. CASTO, *President.*

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## DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL

Issued by the

Bureau of Public Relations, American Dental  
Association

"We wish to call our readers' attention to the list of Dental Health Educational Material printed on pages 2063 to 2071 of the Journal of the American Dental Association, November, 1934.

"Over fifty dental health articles are included in this list—pamphlets on mouth health, lectures, radio talks, pamphlets on nutrition, stories, plays and rhymes, dental programs, newspaper articles, posters, charts, motion picture films, stereopticon slides, first-grade and fourth-grade dental educational leaflets, models, and booklets on the care of the teeth. All of this material is ethical, authentic and interesting. Most of the newer material has been approved by the Dental Health Educational Committee of the American Dental Association and the United States Public Health Service.

"Refer to your November issue of the Journal of the American Dental Association, or write to the Bureau of Public Relations, American Dental Association, 212 E. Superior Street, Chicago, Ill., for a complete list of dental health material."

## DENTAL STUDENTS EDUCATED IN VIRGINIA RANK HIGH BEFORE NATIONAL BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

The following information as to the standing of Virginia educated dental students comes from Dr. Morton J. Loeb, secretary of the National Board of Dental Examiners:

"It might interest you to know that the students from the Medical College of Virginia made splendid records in our recent examinations. In December, 1933, in Part I, the Virginia student candidates ranked third, seventh and tenth, while in Part II, in May, 1934, two students were tied for tenth place."

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## NEW DENTAL HEALTH POSTERS

We wish to call our readers' attention to page 163, January, 1935, Journal of the American Dental Association, displaying small cuts of the new set of four posters just developed by our Bureau of Public Relations. These beautifully colored posters, 22 x 28 inches in size, emphasize four dental health rules which children should observe in order to have better teeth: proper food, exercise, cleanliness, and regular dental attention.

Artistic and fundamentally correct, they make an attractive addition to the dentist's waiting room and school classroom, and are a valuable addition to the health workers' armamentarium.

Approved by the American Dental Association and the United States Public Health Service.

Single posters, 35 cents; set of four, \$1.00. Distributed by The Bureau of Public Relations, American Dental Association, 212 E. Superior Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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## CLEVELAND DENTAL SOCIETY CLINIC

The Annual Clinic Meeting of the Cleveland Dental Society will be held May 6th and 7th, 1935, at Hotel Statler in Cleveland.

Among the essayists will be Dr. George B. Winter of St. Louis and Dr. Edwin N. Kent of Boston, lecturer on Economics at the School of Dentistry, Harvard University.

## NOTICE

Any one knowing of the death of a member of the State Association between the date of the 1934 and 1935 meetings will please communicate the fact to me. If possible, give a short history of the member's life, etc.

C. E. HARPER,

*Chairman, Necrology Committee.*

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## REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF MOUTH HYGIENE

During 1933-34, six clinicians (five white, one colored), employed by the Bureau of Mouth Hygiene, State Department of Health, held nine clinics in seven counties, two of the counties holding both white and colored clinics. A total of 16,945 operations were performed for 5,308 children.

Sixty thousand school children were given a detailed dental examination, using blanks furnished by the United States Public Health Service. This was a part of the national dental survey authorized by the American Dental Association.

The director, among other duties, delivered twenty-six lectures at teacher training schools and colleges, twenty-nine talks to parent-teacher and civic organizations, and read a paper before the Mouth Hygiene and Preventive Dentistry Section of the American Dental Association. An entirely new set of dental posters has been prepared and it is hoped funds can be found to reproduce these posters, together with explanatory lectures, so they can be used by dentists and teachers in promoting dentistry among school children and their parents.

The demand for clinics has increased to such an extent that in order to care for the requests already on file it will be necessary to add six or more clinicians for the school term beginning in September, 1935.

The teachers' inspection of 585,657 school children showed 239,097 with defective teeth. Of this number, 68,303 are reported as having dental defects corrected.

N. T. BALLOU.

### F. E. R. A. REPORT

The membership of the State Dental Association will, no doubt, be interested in the present status of the economic situation relative to the fee schedule which was submitted to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration last summer. A few days ago Mr. Smith, the State Relief Administrator, reported that funds were inadequate to operate according to the apparently high schedule which was proposed. He stated that any action was deferred in the hope that more funds would later be available.

Mr. Smith further stated that very shortly the program would probably be one of work relief only. In this case the client would be paid a minimum living wage, out of which he would pay directly for services needed by his family. The only direct relief would be given in very rare cases, such as a temporary illness which would preclude the client's working for a moderately protracted period. From the foregoing it seems that the whole plan will be changed and our future action will have to be governed accordingly.

N. F. MUIR, *Chairman.*

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### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE VIRGINIA STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION

No doubt a great many of you are planning to attend the Post-Graduate Course to be held in Washington in March. The chairman of the Clinic Committee of the District of Columbia has requested me, as your chairman, to furnish them a number of clinics for this meeting. Now, I am sure a great many of you have lots of good and interesting ideas that you would be glad to pass on. Just write to Dr. B. Berman, care Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C., giving the title of your clinics.

And do not forget our annual meeting to be held at Hot Springs in July. This should be the greatest meeting that we have ever held, and it can be if you will all give your co-operation and support. So please start right now preparing your clinic for this meeting. Just send in your name and the title of your clinic to either Dr. A. M. Wash, Richmond, Va., or to me. We want to have these in ample time to get them in the programs to be mailed for each meeting.

DR. M. S. JENKINS,  
*Chairman of Clinic Committee.*

## ACTIVITIES OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

A complete roster of the registered dentists in Virginia and a roster of the Association's membership was secured. A list of both members and non-members was compiled by districts. These lists were furnished to each of the members of the Membership Committee with the request that the committeemen from each of the districts work with the District Membership Committee in contacting every man eligible for membership in the State Association prior to our next annual meeting. By this means we expect to secure for the Virginia Association its largest membership.

J. E. JOHN, *Chairman,*  
*Membership Committee.*

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## REPORT OF RELIEF COMMITTEE

The total amount subscribed to the A. D. A. Relief Fund from Virginia during the past year was \$125.50, which is a reduction of \$20.00 under the previous year. With a membership of 389 in our State Association, this makes an average of 33 cents per member.

Your Relief Committee appeals to all members to send in at once their dollar—or more, if possible—to the A. D. A. for the Christmas seals sent them in December. Please do not delay sending this small amount. Our average for this fund from Virginia is below the average of the entire membership of the A. D. A., and Virginia is lagging in this important work. The calls for help and assistance from this fund are very great during these trying times.

Do your part by sending in at least your \$1.00 subscription now for last year's Christmas seals.

RALPH B. SNAPP,  
*Chairman, Relief Committee.*

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## COMPONENT NUMBER ONE

No report.



## COMPONENT NUMBER II

The regular monthly meeting of Component Group Number Two was held Monday, December 10, 1934, at 6:30 P. M., at the Boat Harbor shack. This being the annual brawl meeting, no strict formalities were observed.

Meeting was called to order by the president, Dr. John Burbank, and the election of new officers was immediately engaged in. Officers elected were as follows:

DR. JOHN B. TODD.....	<i>President</i>
DR. E. J. BINDER.....	<i>Vice-President</i>
DR. J. P. WHITE, JR. ....	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>

Glowing tributes were paid the outgoing officers for their high efficiency during their term of office.

The remainder of the evening was spent in informal chatting, comparing of notes, and the usual griping. Members present totaled 22, and the visitors in our midst included Colonel Rush of Langley Field, Major Wren of Fort Monroe, and Dr. E. C. Denton of the State Board of Health Dental Staff.

Meeting was adjourned early, due to the raging snowstorm.

J. P. WHITE, JR.,  
*Secretary-Treasurer.*

## COMPONENT NUMBER III

The Ninth Annual meeting of the Southside Virginia Dental Society, Component Number Three, was held at Farmville, Virginia, October 10, 1934.

The scientific and business sessions were held in the College Hall of the Farmville State Teachers College, Dr. J. H. Cocks presiding.

Papers and clinics were presented by Drs. Guy R. Harrison and John J. Stigall of Richmond and Dr. C. L. Dickens of Lynchburg.

The entire session was most interesting and enjoyable. The subjects were timely and well chosen and were more than ably presented. Discussions were lively and well participated in by many members of the society as well as several of our guests.

At the business session Dr. A. M. Wash explained the new A. D. A. membership plan, whereby recent graduates were permitted to join the local, State and National societies, and to receive the

Journal without cost for the remainder of the year following graduation. This plan was adopted by the Society and several new members were admitted under its provisions.

The following officers were elected for 1935:

DR. H. C. IRBY, *President-Elect* ..... Blackstone

DR. N. O. PULLY, *Secretary and Treasurer*..... Petersburg

DR. F. R. TALLEY, *Executive Committee*..... Petersburg

After our morning scientific and business session was over, luncheon was served at the Hotel Weyanoke. This affair was a rare treat for all those present, and will be remembered for many a day by those attending. Not only was the food excellent and varied, but the entertainment supplied by local Farmville talent far surpassed that usually rendered by amateurs. The performers had to answer many encores before the audience would be satisfied.

Not to be outdone by Farmville's best, the hastily organized Southside Sextet, composed of Hog Seay, Matt Futrelle, Skeeter Jennings, Johnnie Potts, Buck Sydnor and Tommie Thompson, rendered several old-time favorites, which were enjoyed and participated in by all present.

Before adjournment, the entire assembly gave a rising vote of thanks to the Farmville men who had worked so faithfully to make our meeting such a success.

N. O. PULLY,

*Secretary and Treasurer.*

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## COMPONENT NUMBER FOUR

No meeting since last Bulletin.

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## COMPONENT NUMBER FIVE

No report.

## COMPONENT NUMBER VI

### (Southwest Virginia Dental Society)

It has been a yearly custom for the Southwest Virginia Dental Society and the First District Dental Society of East Tennessee to hold a joint meeting in Bristol, Va. Our annual meeting was held in Hotel Bristol, October 25, 1934.

Drs. C. M. Quillen and W. M. Sexton, acting for Virginia, and Drs. James Semones and E. I. White, of Tennessee, had charge of the local arrangements.

The entire afternoon and evening was turned over to Dr. Boyd S. Gardner, D.D.S., F. A. C. D., Chief Dental Surgeon, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. Dr. Gardner spoke from 3:30 to 5:30 on "The Role of Mineral Metabolism in the Practice of Dentistry."

A banquet was held from 6:30 to 7:30. Special music was furnished for the occasion by the Intermont College Music Club.

After the banquet, Dr. Gardner continued his discussion for two hours. After the close of Dr. Gardner's paper many questions were asked by the visiting physicians.

The next meeting of the Component Society will be the last of March in Marion. The Society is looking forward to having a visit at that time by the President of the State Association.

G. M. GOAD,  
*Secretary-Treasurer.*

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## COMPONENT NUMBER VII

The Twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Dental Association, Component Number Seven, was held at the George Washington Hotel in Winchester, November 8th and 9th, 1934. The following program was presented:

Paper: Dr. George R. Ellis, Washington, D. C.

"Dentistry in Relation to Systemic Diseases."

Discussion: John B. McKee, M.D., Winchester, Va.

"The Role of Dentistry in Medical Practice."

Paper with Slides: Dr. H. K. Jennings, Washington, D. C.

"Diet in Dental Diseases."

- Paper: Allen T. Hawthorne, M.D., Winchester, Va.  
"The Relation of Dentistry to Ophthalmology and Rhinology."  
Paper: Dr. L. N. Spitzer, Harrisonburg, Va.  
"The Electro-Chemical Basis of Heredity."  
Paper: Dr. R. H. Kerlin, Winchester, Va.  
"Some Pathologic and Diagnostic Delinquencies of Present-Day Dentistry."  
Paper with Slides: Dr. A. Y. Russell, Baltimore, Md.  
"Practical Prophylaxis in General Practice."

## TABLE CLINICS

The following Table Clinics:

- Dr. Filbert L. Moore, Baltimore, Md.  
"Teaching Prophylaxis to the Patient."  
Dr. J. H. Morris, Charles Town, W. Va.  
"Inserting and Polishing Amalgam Restorations."  
Dr. Norman Chanaud, Centerville, Md.  
"Immediate Denture Technique for the General Practitioner."  
Dr. J. Keaveny, Washington, D. C.  
"A Demonstration of the Efficiency of Local Anaesthesia with Varied Hydrogen Ion Concentration."  
Dr. R. R. Sartelle, Winchester, Va.  
"A Simple Method of Registering Centric Occlusion."  
Dr. Conrad L. Inman, Baltimore, Md.  
"Control of Hemorrhage in Exodontia Plus Care of the Alveoli."  
Dr. Orville VanDeusen, Front Royal, Va.  
"Time to Begin Treatment for the Correction of Malocclusion."  
Miss Lillian Humberg and Miss Leonore Weiner, Baltimore, Md.  
"Helpful Hints."  
Dr. Charles Basseches, Washington, D. C.  
"Dentocoll Impressions."  
Dr. Harry Levin, Baltimore, Md.  
"Making the Patient Comfortable During Oral Operations."

Dr. W. B. Fahrney, Timberville, Va.

"The Placing of Treatment in Putrescent Pulp Conditions."

Dr. D. Shehan, Baltimore, Md.

"The Importance of Diagnosis in the Treatment of Malocclusions."

Dr. A. Y. Russell, Baltimore, Md.

"Interesting Cases for the General Practitioner."

Dr. C. Bruce Harloe, Winchester, Va.

"Protection of Dentine in Operative Procedure."

Dr. Donald H. Glew, Washington, D. C.

"The Amalgam Filling."

The officers for the ensuing year are:

DR. W. A. McCLUER, *President*.....Buena Vista

DR. R. E. L. STRICKLER, *President-Elect*....Harrisonburg

DR. W. H. WUNDER, *Secretary-Treasurer*.....Woodstock

DR. C. B. HARLOE, *Councilor*.....Winchester

The meeting was very instructive and well attended.

W. H. WUNDER,  
*Secretary-Treasurer.*

## COMPONENT NUMBER EIGHT

The Component Society Number Eight held its annual meeting in Culpeper, Va., on February 6th, at the Lord Culpeper Hotel, with the following program:

**2:30 P. M.**

BUSINESS SESSION

"Treatment of Chronic Periodontoclasia".....Harry Lyons, D.D.S.  
"Root Canal Therapy Using Silver Nitrate Technic,"  
A. H. Fee, D.D.S.

**6:30 P. M.**

DINNER



"Fractures, Including Edentulous Cases, Their Reducation and Fixation ..... J. T. Ashton, D.D.S.

At this meeting the following members were elected by unanimous ballot: Drs. Duval Hicks, A. J. Bolling, Garnett King, Fielding Gibson, all of Fredericksburg, Va., and Dr. H. B. Lacy, of Culpeper, Va.

The election of officers for the year 1935-36 resulted as follows:

F. P. SMOOT (by unanimous ballot).....*President-elect*

C. RODRIGUEZ .....*Secretary-Treasurer*

W. N. HODGKIN (by unanimous ballot),  
*Executive Council*

Manassas, Va., was selected as the place for next annual meeting.

C. RODRIGUEZ, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

## RICHMOND DENTAL SOCIETY

The Richmond Dental Society has held two very successful meetings this year under the presidency of Dr. J. J. Stigall. The first meeting, which was held in January, presented the following program: Dr. Horace M. Davis, of Baltimore, gave an illustrated talk on "Third Molar Problems and Reference to Some Pitfalls in the Extraction of What Appear to Be Normal Teeth"; Dr. I. C. Riggan, Virginia State Health Commissioner, addressed the Society on the subject, "State Health Department Control of Communicable Diseases."

The February meeting had the following program: Dr. S. M. Cottrell, M.D., gave a paper on "Maxillary Sinus Disease and Its Relationship to Dentistry." Dr. A. M. Wash gave an illustrated talk on "Some Points in X-Ray Technique and Interpretation."

Dr. Harry Bear gave a report of the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association.

The membership learned with regret of the sudden death of Dr. Horace M. Davis, who was our essayist at the January meeting.

The attendance has been splendid. The past two meetings have had an approximate average of fifty members and fifty guests at each meeting.

