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"Let the eye go before the hand,
And the mind before the eye."

—*Oliver Wendell Holmes.*

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GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I wish to extend my cordial greetings to the members of Association. I also wish for the success of *The Bulletin* hope that it may be enthusiastically supported by the members.

All committees have been appointed, a list of which are published in this issue. All have promised me their hearty support and co-operation in making the 1924 meeting a success in every way. I also wish to solicit the support of the membership large and shall welcome personal communications.

C. B. GIFFORD

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS (1871)

DR. JAS. F. THOMPSON, *Fredericksburg, Va.*

(*Dr. Thompson was elected first president of the Virginia Dental Association at its organization meeting in 1870. The first dental address was delivered at the second meeting held in Richmond November 2, 1871, and is here reproduced.*)

GENTLEMEN :

In accordance with our preconcerted plans to inaugurate in a more formal manner the Virginia State Dental Association meet today in this proud old capital of the mother of states lay upon the altar of our Association renewed pledges of professional fealty and respect. It is with much pleasure that I greet you upon this occasion and beg to congratulate you upon the success that is now about to crown the efforts of a determined few who assembled here one year ago to advance higher standards of our profession which should be the pride of every dentist's heart.

The auspices under which we are permitted to assemble today are indeed most cheering.

When we look abroad upon this old Commonwealth which but a few years ago lay torn, bleeding and impoverished, today she stands forth in bright array full of hope and vigor. She garnishes her borders in an abundant harvest and she sends forth her hardy yeomen and skillful artisans from every section of her borders to her metropolis to lay upon her common altar the products of their genius and soil, and vieing in honorable competition for a prize the reward of their labor and skill.

We, too, are here from the office and laboratory to lay upon the altar of our profession the products of our experience and skill, and to tune the chord upon which vibrates professional fellowship and love.

Gentlemen, it fills my heart with pride when I look back upon the last four decades of the dental profession has made with the last four decades of years. Proud to see it in the front ranks of the sciences, proud to see it standing close by the side of its twin-sister, medicine: but to realize it seems like a dream.

It is needless for me to go into the history of the dental science for I take it that every educated dentist knows it well. It is needless for me to carry you into the Catacombs of Egypt and there show you specimens pertaining to our art, specimens of a once enlightened age illuminated by the pen of Herodotus, the father of historians, whose light down through the medieval ages

Sir

becoming obscure, it again burst forth with a blaze of effulgent glory upon the eighteenth century, when the versatile Frenchman, catching up the inspiration, added new lustre and gave an impetus to dental science, which, wafted across the Atlantic the keynote was sounded upon the shores of America; and today the American dentist stands second to none. Boasting, as we are ever proud to do, of the oldest dental college in the known world, that noble old pioneer, the "alma mater" of many of us here present, the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, together with others that have sprung and are almost yearly springing into existence throughout the length and breadth of this land, can it, therefore, be any wonder why we should not take the lead in our profession?

I, gentlemen, am an advocate for the collegiate system as necessary to the thorough professional education of dentists. These institutions are to the dental student what the medical colleges are to the medical student. Let no one here for a moment think that I would reflect disparagingly upon any one of my professional brethren who have never had the advantage of a dental college education. I know of many such who today, by their high attainments and skill, would adorn and ennoble any profession. To such I am ever ready to extend the hand of fellowship, but why should this continue in this land of dental schools?

Many of our sister states have legal enactments requiring all dental practitioners to be thoroughly educated and proficient before entering upon the practice of their profession; and shall this noble old State, the mother of State's statesmen, be a laggard in making such an important movement? Look what the consequence is; her doors are thrown wide open to an influx of many ignorant and unskillful operators, doing such miserable work, imposing upon the credulity of a confiding people, bringing reproach and dragging down a profession whose standard we are here trying to advance. I will ask what do the people as a mass know what the qualifications of a dentist should be? Take them when their lives are endangered by disease and see what efforts are made to secure the best medical skill. Take them when their bodies are torn and mangled, and the knife is to be applied, and see with what eagerness they try to secure the best surgical skill.

But, sirs, when their teeth are attacked by that insidious enemy, caries, and the ravages of decay are doing its sure work of destruction, do they stop and ask for the best dental skill to stay the hand that is working such destruction, marring the human face divine, and bringing disease upon the body? No: they are satisfied to employ the merest ignoramus who calls himself a dentist.

Let us, gentlemen, in this our associated capacity, give this

subject our serious consideration. Let it be our chief aim to advance higher the standard of our profession, to pull down the mountebank and quack, and seek to place them under the hands of law.

I for one am opposed to the passage of a law that would in any way be oppressive upon any portion of the community. The object of one is so manifestly just, that it must commend itself to every thinking mind that would take the trouble to look into it. I feel safe in saying there is no dentist in this state who is fit to discharge his professional obligations to his patients who will rejoice in its passage; and I feel safe in making the assertion that the mere fact of any dentist opposing a movement of this kind would be a sufficient cause for doubting his ability.

Gentlemen, I believe, with the amount of intelligence we have around us, that the people can be made to become interested in this matter. Let us educate their minds upon the subject and the difficulty is at once removed. Let them go with us to the hall of Legislature and ask for a law to protect themselves against the ignorant mountebank and quack. It is not sufficient that as a body of professional men should make such an effort, but we fear the question might be raised as to who wants this law, for whose benefit, the dentists or the people. I hope this Association will give this, as well as other matters that will be brought before it, a thoughtful consideration. Let us show to the community at large that we are progressive men and are unwilling to hide our light under a bushel.

In the formation of dental associations we at once promote friendly intercourse among dentists and inspire members with professional pride, a laudable zeal and an earnest desire to go forward, to improve and excel in our dental operations. There is no doubt but that the different dental associations throughout the land are doing a noble work. They have done much to break down the barriers of selfishness and to place the profession upon a liberal and learned basis, in contrast to those days when dentistry was for the most part a secret art.

But now, by the untiring efforts and zeal of a few noble spirits that have passed away, we find art and science most happily blended, and in language most beautifully expressed by a brother of our profession: "That science and art, the twin sisters who so beautifully and harmoniously blend their characters and attributes in our calling, and ever growing, ever moving, adding to the already full stature and lofty proportions; traveling onward and upward toward perfection. The achievements of today are but the finger posts that point to the coveries of tomorrow. The triumphs of tomorrow will re-

some hidden truth or develop some richer treasure for its successor."

It is here, gentlemen, in our associated capacity, that we challenge free discussion, free thought and opinion upon whatever subject that pertains to our professional advancement, and that we may render ourselves respectable and respected, useful and be appreciated.

Thanking you gentlemen for your courtesy and kind attention, rest assured that it is my fervent desire that we may all live to be proud that we are members of the Virginia State Dental Association and to see it eminently successful and prosperous, and an ornament to this proud old State whose name it bears.

"The man who complains most about an organization usually makes the least interest in it."—Selected.

ECHOES OF THE PINEHURST MEETING

The 1923 meeting, held jointly with the North Carolina Dental Society, was one of the most successful meetings ever held, except the proportionately small attendance of the Virginia members.

REGISTRATION

The registration at this meeting was 508, of which number 262 members of the North Carolina Dental Society and 112 members of Association.

MEMBERSHIP

Eleven new members were elected at this meeting. Two members were dropped from the Association for non-payment of dues. This brings our total membership up to 410.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

The Association amended its Constitution, doing away with the office of Vice-President and creating the office of President-Elect.

LIFE MEMBERS

The Association honored the following four members by electing them to Life Membership:

Dr. J. O. Hodgkin.....	Warrenton
Dr. J. F. Reed.....	North Carolina
Dr. E. P. Tignor.....	Wicomico, Md.
Dr. L. C. Tucker.....	Blacksville

DELEGATES TO THE A. D. A.

The following members were appointed delegates and alternates to the Cleveland meeting of the American Dental Association:

Delegates

Dr. J. A. C. Hoggan.....	Richmond
Dr. R. F. Simmons.....	North Carolina
Dr. M. B. Rudd.....	Richmond

Alternates

Dr. W. N. Hodgkin.....	Warrenton
Dr. J. G. Jackson.....	North Carolina
Dr. R. L. Simpson.....	Richmond

DENTAL REPRESENTATIVE ON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Guy R. Harrison.....	Richmond
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VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

*Dr. H. W. Campbell, President.....	Staunton
*Dr. H. L. Smith.....	Charlotte
†Dr. John P. Stiff, Secretary.....	Fredericksburg
†Dr. J. L. Walker.....	North Carolina
‡Dr. B. T. Blackwell.....	Richmond
‡Dr. R. H. Phipps.....	Maryland

* Terms expire 1925. † Terms expire 1924. ‡ Terms expire 1926.

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THE RIGHT OF DENTISTS TO PRESCRIBE FOR NARCOTICS

There have been a few instances reported in which prescriptions for narcotics written by dentists were not filled by the druggists when presented by the patient. An investigation of the matter has elicited the following letter which is self-explanatory:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
Baltimore, Md.

August 1, 1923.

DR. HARRY BEAR,
Secretary of the State Dental Association,
410 Professional Building,
Richmond, Virginia.

SIR:

Narcotic Agent W. E. Turner has written me that your association is much concerned over a statement appearing in the Druggists' Circular to the effect that narcotic prescriptions written by dentists could not be filled. For the information of your association I beg to state that this impression or report is absolutely erroneous, there has never been any question raised in the Department as to the right of a properly registered dentist from preparing narcotic prescriptions in the course of his professional practice, nor the right of a properly registered retail druggist to fill such prescriptions.

If you will advise me the names of any druggists who refuse to fill dentists' prescriptions for narcotics I shall be pleased to inform them of their right in the premises.

Respectfully,

B. R. RHEES, M. D.,
Narcotic Agent in Charge,
Baltimore Division.

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Address all communications to the Secretary, Harry Bear, D. D.
410 Professional Building, Richmond, Va.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

THE BULLETIN

At the recent meeting of the Association held at Pinebluff, N. C., the Association went on record authorizing the Secretary to publish at least two Bulletins a year. The Association has from time to time published Bulletins at irregular intervals. The previous issues constitute Volume I. We shall begin anew, however, with this issue as Volume II, Number 1.

It is the desire of the officers of this Association that the Bulletin become the forum for discussion of the problems of the Association in particular and of the profession in general. It was also proposed that The Bulletin be the medium for the publication of news of local and general interest about its members.

It is further hoped that The Bulletin may serve a useful purpose in assisting local dental societies to secure essayists and clinicians and in preparing their programs. A directory of local dental societies is printed in this issue. Reports from the Secretaries indicated that in a number of instances joint meetings have been held with the local medical societies. It is to be desired that such meetings be held more often for their mutual good.

The leading article of this issue will be found on page 1. This is the president's address delivered by Dr. J. F. Thompson of Fredericksburg, at the second meeting of the Association in Richmond, November 2, 1871. The organization of the Association took place in 1870. This address is published because

of the wisdom it contains and because of its general interest and parallelism to present-day problems.

WILLIAM AND MARY SCHOLARSHIP

One of the outstanding features of the last meeting of the Association was the establishment of a scholarship at the College of William and Mary, at Williamsburg, Virginia. Dr. W. M. Sturgis in his presidential address recommended the founding of this scholarship. This was adopted by the Association with the recommendation that \$100.00 be appropriated annually for this purpose.

The scholarship will be in the name of the Virginia State Dental Association and its award to some worthy person is left to the College authorities. This becomes effective for the 1923-24 session.

It is of interest to note here that a similar scholarship of \$75.00 annually was established by the Richmond Dental Society last year.

THE 1924 MEETING

The next annual meeting of the Association will be held in Norfolk, April 28th, 29th and 30th. The headquarters will be at the Monticello Hotel.

It is planned to make this meeting the best meeting ever held. It is the desire of the program committee to meet the wishes of the majority of the members of the Association. Having this in mind the committee welcomes suggestions from the membership. Write the Secretary of the Association the subjects which you would most prefer to have presented at the 1924 meeting. These replies will be compiled and complied with as far as practicable.

*"The man who is satisfied is slipping;
He may be contented but never satisfied."*

—Selected.

DIRECTORY OF LOCAL DENTAL SOCIETIES IN VIRGINIA

DANVILLE DENTAL SOCIETY

Dr. B. P. Jones, President.....Danv
Dr. S. D. Kent, Vice-President.....Danv
Dr. R. N. Harper, Secretary-Treasurer.....Danv

FREDERICKSBURG DENTAL SOCIETY

(No reply received to the Secretary's enquiry addressed to
the former president and secretary of this society.)

LYNCHBURG DENTAL SOCIETY

Dr. J. C. Tinsley, President.....Lynchb
Dr. T. B. Hunter, Vice-President.....Lynchb
Dr. Richard Booth, Secretary-Treasurer.....Lynchb

PETERSBURG DENTAL SOCIETY

Dr. A. L. Seay, President.....Petersb
Dr. G. T. Baskerville, Vice-President.....Petersb
Dr. E. F. Hodges, Secretary-Treasurer.....Petersb

PENINSULA DENTAL SOCIETY

(No reply received to the Secretary's enquiry addressed to
former president and secretary of this society.)

PIEDMONT DENTAL SOCIETY

Dr. J. E. John, President.....Roan
Dr. S. A. Shadrack, Vice-President.....Danv
Dr. Richard Booth, Secretary-Treasurer.....Lynchb

RICHMOND DENTAL SOCIETY

Dr. R. C. Walden, President.....Richm
Dr. J. B. Williams, Vice-President.....Richm
Dr. L. S. Hoover, Secretary-Treasurer.....Richm

ROANOKE DENTAL SOCIETY

Dr. N. F. Muir, President.....	Roanoke
Dr. T. F. Epes, Vice-President.....	Roanoke
Dr. L. J. Walton, Secretary-Treasurer.....	Roanoke

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Dr. J. F. Robinson, Vice-President.....	Roanoke
Dr. Kyle T. Lee, Secretary.....	Roanoke

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Dr. C. E. Nicholas, First Vice-President.....	Harrisonburg
Dr. R. B. Snapp, Second Vice-President.....	Berryville
Dr. W. B. Fahrney, Secretary.....	Timberville
Dr. W. H. Wunder, Treasurer.....	Woodstock

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Dr. E. M. Dillon, President.....	Norfolk
Dr. Carter Crafford, Vice-President.....	Norfolk
Dr. W. I. Carpenter, Secretary.....	Norfolk
Dr. H. E. Bonney, Treasurer.....	Norfolk

DENTIST ON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Virginia law stipulates that there must be a dentist, who is a member of this Association, as a member of the Virginia State Board of Health. This has been in effect since 1915, Virginia being the second state to have such a provision; the state of Ohio preceding Virginia in this respect.

DENTISTS IN VIRGINIA

There are 730 dentists registered in Virginia.
Forty-four dentists passed the Board at its last meeting held in Richmond in June.

AN INVITATION

RICHMOND DENTAL SOCIETY

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

August 28, 1923.

DR. HARRY BEAR,
*Secretary Virginia State Dental Association,
Richmond, Va.*

DEAR DR. BEAR:

The president of the Richmond Dental Society, Dr. R. C. Walden, has instructed me to write you extending an invitation to the members of the Virginia State Dental Association to attend the meetings of this society which are held the third Thursday of each month at the Medical College of Virginia.

The program for the remainder of the year is as follows:

September 20th—Dr. A. O. James, Chatham, Va.
Subject: "Gold Casting Technique."

And Dr. Clifton M. Miller, Richmond, Va., Associate Professor of Otology, Rhinology and Laryngology, Medical College of Virginia. Subject: "The Maxillary Sinus."

October 18th—Dr. Rea Proctor McGee, Pittsburgh, Pa., Editor *Oral Hygiene*. Subject: "Surgery of the Jaws."

November 15th—Dr. R. D. Thornton, Richmond, Va. Professor of Clinical Dentistry and Operative Technics and of Dental Anatomy, Medical College of Virginia. Subject: "What the Patient Has a Right to Expect from the Dentist."

December 20th—Annual Banquet and Election of Officers. Program: An address by some prominent citizen.

Very truly yours,

L. S. HOOVER.
Secretary.

DENTAL CLINICS IN VIRGINIA SCHOOLS

NORFOLK—

The city maintains a clinic employing one dentist who devotes two hours a day during the school term.

PETERSBURG—

The city maintains a clinic for two hours each day during the school session. Several members of the Petersburg Dental Society are in charge and devote their time at intervals.

LYNCHBURG—

Clinic maintained by the city at the John Wyatt school building. One dentist employed who devotes one hour and a half a day during the school session.

A clinic for colored children will be opened in September.

ROANOKE—

The Roanoke Dental Society has conducted a dental clinic at the Municipal Building. Thirteen members of the Society gave one hour per week each. The matter is now before the School Board to establish a school clinic on a permanent basis.

RICHMOND—

The clinic is maintained by the city. Three dentists (two white and one colored) are employed, each clinician devotes ten hours weekly during the school session.

DANVILLE—

The city conducted a dental clinic for four months during the past school term, employing a full-time dentist for the work.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Richmond

September 1, 1923

DR. HARRY BEAR,
*Secretary Virginia State Dental Association,
Richmond, Virginia.*

MY DEAR DR. BEAR:

In reply to your inquiry as to the work done by the Division of Mouth Hygiene of the State Board of Health during the present year, beg to advise that our year will not end until September 30, 1923. The figures given below therefore are only for the ten months ending August 31st.

During this period we have been employing eleven full-time clinicians and one part-time clinician, working in one of the most difficult districts. These clinicians worked in twenty-three counties in addition to taking care of all the children in the following State institutions:

Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind, Staunton, Va.

Virginia Industrial School for Boys, Maidens, Va., Powhatan County.

Virginia Home and Industrial School for Girls, Bon Air, Va.

During this time the following work was accomplished:

Children examined	21,150
Children treated	9,600
Total number operations.....	34,750
Total amount expended.....	\$25,150
Amount contributed by children.....	11,600
Net cost to the State.....	6,640

Dr. Constance O. Haller was released from school work June 1st, and has been working with the baby clinics throughout the summer.

Very sincerely yours,

N. TALLEY BALLOU, D. D. S.,
Director of Mouth Hygiene

NTB/M

*HOSPITAL AND INDUSTRIAL DENTAL CLINICS

Dental service is provided for at the following State hospitals and institutions:

Eastern State Hospital.....	Williamsburg
Western State Hospital.....	Staunton
Central State Hospital.....	Petersburg
Southwestern State Hospital.....	Marion
Catawba Sanatorium.....	Catawba Sanatorium
Blue Ridge Sanatorium.....	Charlottesville
Piedmont Sanatorium.....	Burkeville
Virginia Home and Industrial School for Girls.....	Bon Air
Virginia Industrial School for Boys.....	Powhatan County
Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind.....	Staunton
Virginia State Penitentiary.....	Richmond
Virginia State Farm.....	Goochland County

Dental service is provided for at the following industrial plants in Virginia:

Bertha Mineral Company.....	Austinville
(Full-time dentist)	
P. Lorillard Company (Whitlock Branch).....	Richmond
(Part-time dentist)	
Portsmouth Cotton Oil Refining Company.....	Portsmouth
(Part-time dentist)	
Virginia Alberene Corporation.....	Schuyler
(Full-time dentist)	

*Note.—This may not be a complete list of clinics in Virginia. There may be others of which the Secretary has no knowledge. Please convey such information to the Secretary.

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