Virginia State Dental Association

Organized 1870
The President's Page

To the Members of the Virginia State Dental Association:

At a joint meeting of your Executive and Program Committees, held in September, it was decided to hold the next Annual Meeting of the Virginia State Dental Association on April 29-30 and May 1-2. A very fine tentative program was arranged to cover all subjects of interest to our general practitioners and the committee has fortunately been able to secure men whom they deem most capable of presenting these subjects in the most practical as well as scientific form.

Every effort should be made to be in attendance so that you will not miss the benefits to be derived from this meeting and also that you may give a royal welcome to your guests, the clinicians.

Danville, as you all know, is a most hospitable city, but Danville alone cannot do all, and it is up to you as hosts to pay your guests the courtesy of being present.

Mark these dates in your new appointment book! Be assured that you will acquire more than you will sacrifice. The "food for thought" which you will gain at this meeting will stimulate you through the balance of the year so that you may do a greater service to your patients.

Refer to names which appear on the Entertainment Committee and you will see at a glance that a big holiday awaits you—a holiday which you will all need after a long winter's work.

R. C. WALDEN.
A Message from our President-Elect

In my first message to the membership of the Virginia State Dental Association, let me take you back for a few moments to the time when dentistry was represented by a few men working as individuals to solve the great problems presenting themselves in increasing numbers. These men, according to their own abilities, gathered vast stores of knowledge which laid the foundation upon which we now build, but many years of selfishness that hindered developments were spent before the old policies were put aside and the light of a developing profession shown upon the horizon in the form of a dental organization. With the advent of such an organization came that which we may expect from any organized body—accomplishment. The old policies rapidly disappeared; in their place we found men banded together revealing to the last, such information as was for the good of their profession and their patients, seeking to uncover new truths that have marked the upward road we now travel. Difficulty was experienced in securing help of all those who should have been an aid. Many spent their lives satisfied to sacrifice their usefulness for personal, professional gain; and it is with regret that we admit there are those about us in this advanced age who are committing the same crime against themselves and the profession they should love and strive to elevate.

Harmonious organization to me is the most powerful element with which thinking men can deal; without it no great forward movement has ever been made, and if you should ask what shall be the stepping-stone to better dentistry, to that dentistry of which some of us have a vision, I should certainly say with emphasis, "Co-operation and organization in making Dental Associations"; associations in which each member has a great pride and is willing at all times to sacrifice time and means to its support.

The individual can evolve ideas, try them out, and develop them to his own satisfaction, but with the help of others he can
obtain constructive criticism and approach perfection much more nearly than it is possible for him, striving alone. Therefore the necessity of co-operation between dentists if we would advance the profession and add to our individual ability, thereby rendering more efficient service in the field of life's work.

Can you conceive of the possibilities within our reach if we as individuals, being the units of dentistry, would co-operate and organize as we should? Think of the future of our organization and the pride and glory it would be to be a single unit of what is within our reach to make Dentistry! The units are in our hands.

Is it not true that a few men in all our bodies have the load to carry? Why? It is true that due to certain qualifications some are better able to speak, write, or be leaders; but if you search for the real truth, the greatest reason for inability in all these things is the lack of effort in the field of development. Organization of our own faculties, first, should be our constant endeavor that we might be fit stones to support any part of the arch which may become our duty. Many of us have experienced the embarrassment which the beginner can feel but cannot explain and have suffered the realization of failure in the accomplishment of our hopes, but it is from the assistance of such association that we gain strength and courage to continue to a time and place where others who would achieve may obtain sympathetic assistance from us as individuals and in organization. Perhaps the most important phase of these institutions is the opportunity they afford for the careful and thorough consideration of all matters pertaining to the principals and practice of dentistry proper; a place where we may gather, advance our ideas, whether new or the revised old, and have them discussed by our fellow practitioners, that all we do in our offices may be sound, conservative, and have the approval of the greatest thought of our era.

With these thoughts in mind let us individually determine to lose no opportunity to be of assistance in making a 100% Dental Organization for the State of Virginia.

J. E. John.
A Message from our Secretary-Treasurer

You have already received from me a statement of your dues as members of the State Association for 1929, and also for 1928, if you happen to be among those who have not yet paid for last year. Dues are payable on January 1st of each year. If this were done, it would save your officers and program committee much trouble, for the activities of the Association depend upon the condition of the treasury.

Prompt payment of your dues upon receipt of your first statement in January not only saves your officers much trouble, but also reduces the expense of collecting dues to the minimum. We have about 450 active members. Allowing four cents for each statement sent out, $18.00 would be all the expenses of collection necessary, if everyone paid promptly. During the past year your Secretary-Treasurer sent out 1,700 statements and wrote about sixty personal letters, twenty of which were sent by registered mail with return cards. All this cost your treasury about $75.00. Prompt payment on your part would then save the Association over $50.00.

It is unfortunate that the annual report of the Secretary-Treasurer always comes at a time when the condition of the treasury is at its best, before any of the expenses of the meeting have been paid. Thirty days after the meeting, the "balance on hand" is quite different from that shown in the annual report.

I get requests from members, often in the middle of the year, for back numbers of The Journal of the American Dental Association, and some write asking me why they have not received The Journal when they have not even paid their dues. Upon receipt of your dues, four dollars are sent to the headquarters of the American Dental Association in Chicago. Unless they receive this, your Journal is discontinued, sometimes the first of the year, always after the first one or two issues. It is impossible at a later date to get the back issues.

The rating of the State Associations in the report of the General Secretary is determined by the number of members who have paid their dues up to the time of the report. We may have 500 members on our books, but if only 300 have paid their dues, we are credited with only 300 members. Our representation in the House of Delegates of the A. D. A. is determined accordingly. It is hoped that you will respond promptly to the statements which you have received.

A. M. Wash.
EDITORIAL

THE advent of a new year is always accompanied by new hopes and renewed ambitions. Reflection of the past, however, reveals the numerous mistakes committed and the opportunities allowed to slip by. The agonizing symptoms which these create are easily allayed by the analgesic balm of good resolutions, soon to be broken. Each year the cycle is repeated and the ruts are worn deeper. It is hoped that this year the relief will be permanent and that the hopes and ambitions of our members will be realized. Such things do not happen miraculously but are attained only as a reward for honest effort, efficiently expended. Whatever your ambitions may be, certain it is that included among them should be the desire to help and be helped by the professions to which you belong. Our State Dental Association offers you the avenue by which you may attain this end. Use it! Attend its meeting. Participate in its discussions and clinics. Read and contribute to the pages of its Bulletin.

Each of us needs the help, advice and guidance of our fellow practitioners and the newer knowledge revealed by those doing research. These aids await you! Reach out and grasp them!
THRU OTHER EYES

"Oral Hygiene" comments editorially:

"Down in Virginia they raise a remarkable crop of men who are known the world over as Virginians. For many years most of our Presidents came from Virginia and history whispers that the State has not been so slow when it came to military genius.

"In these days of peace, prohibition, publicity, procrastination, promises and politics, it is pleasant to note the reappointment of Dr. Guy R. Harrison, a dentist, to the Virginia State Board of Health.

"Dr. Harrison is a splendid representation both of Dentistry and of Virginia. He has made a splendid record as a Dentist, Oral Surgeon, Teacher, Soldier and Citizen."

"Four successive Governors of Virginia have appointed him to the State Board of Health. The present appointment by Governor Byrd will last until 1937. We congratulate Virginia and Dr. Harrison."

Our Next Convention City
DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

(Submitted by the Danville Chamber of Commerce)

The City of Danville, incorporated in 1793, is located in the southern part of Pittsylvania County, the largest county in Virginia, and in the heart of the justly celebrated Piedmont Section. It is 235 miles by rail from Washington, the Nation's Capital, and 140 miles from Richmond, the State Capital, and excellent hard-surfaced highways radiate from the city in all directions. Its location on the Dan River was originally due to the fact that in the early days the river could be crossed by a good ford at this point. Built in the foot-hills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the climate in Danville is mild and favorable throughout the entire year, as the city is protected by the mountain ranges lying immediately to the west. The average altitude is about six hundred feet above sea level; rainfall is sufficient but not excessive, and while discussing Nature's dispensations, it is in order to call attention to the fact that the sunsets in Danville are noted for their variety of beauty.

Danville's early history is marked by no outstanding events, but it has a distinctive chapter in the history of the War Between
the States. No battles took place here, but it was in Danville—then a comparatively small place—that the Confederacy actually breathed its last. When it was seen that the Federal forces were certain to take Richmond, Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, and his cabinet fled the Virginia Capital on April 2, 1865, and took a train to the then insignificant town on the Carolina border, intending to establish a new capital there. For a few days the Confederate President issued messages of encouragement to the people of the Southern Cause, but when news of Lee's surrender was received, success was seen to be hopeless and the Confederate Organization was dissolved. The “Last White House of the Confederacy”, as it is known, and its spacious grounds have been preserved and set aside for public use. The residence, for many years termed also the “Confederate Memorial Mansion”, is now being used as a free public library.

The city today, including its suburbs, has a population of 35,000, and its growth has been steady and consistent. All the advantages of a modern city of similar size are enjoyed by its citizens. There are excellent health, police and fire departments, well-paved streets with good lighting, and the electric, gas and water plants, owned and operated by the municipality, render splendid service.

The city has always enjoyed a high order of governmental administration and splendid progress has been made in the last few years. A most handsome Municipal Building or City Hall has recently been completed and several new school buildings erected. A new concrete bridge across the Dan River was recently opened and another is now being constructed. A handsome new hotel was recently opened, also new theatres and many handsome business and residential houses. A good street car line, telephone system, progressive daily newspapers, good hotel accommodations, modern hospital facilities, and other advantages too numerous to detail, all combine to make Danville a GOOD PLACE TO LIVE IN.

There are many business and social organizations in Danville, each serving a useful purpose. The city has a high moral tone, and churches of all faiths and denominations, with many handsome buildings, minister to the spiritual aspirations. In addition to the excellent public school system, there are two colleges for young women and a high class military school for young men and boys.

In the industrial world, Danville has always been a leading market for bright leaf tobacco, and “Virginia Tobacco”, as it is
known throughout the world, is produced in the nearby counties and handled in enormous volume through the Danville warehouses, factories and storage plants. Last season, over fifty-six million pounds of tobacco were sold on the Danville market, realizing a sum close to twelve million dollars. One of the largest cotton mills in the world, the Riverside and Dan River Cotton Mills, is located here. This is a Danville institution, originated and still controlled by progressive Danville citizens. These cotton mills are valued at thirty million dollars, employ six thousand people, consume nearly fifty million pounds of cotton annually, producing over one hundred and fifty million yards of cloth yearly, worth close to twenty million dollars. The annual pay-roll of this corporation is five million dollars. In addition to the tobacco and textile industries, Danville has a large number of varied industries, which make the city an important manufacturing and business center.

The Danville people are notably hospitable, and a city of beautiful homes, cultivated, refined and moral citizenship, extends a warm welcome to the visitor.
The Big Game This Year

It is the earnest hope of the Membership Committee that the Virginia State Dental Association adopt the "Member Get a Member" slogan, and put on a real membership campaign.

The Membership Committee is composed of live workers, located in various sections of the State, but the entire burden must not be on the committee alone. We will act as the coach, round up the material, make them keep training, give them proper plays and signals, and hope for a victorious season.

The younger men are interested and a large majority are already members. Unfortunately the younger men are inexperienced, but they will make a good back field for the team and with their vim and vigor of youth, will carry the ball.

The hardest work will be among the older men who have strayed from the fold, or who have never been approached in a manner to show them the advantages, both professional and social, which nearly proves a necessity to an ethical practitioner. We need these older men.

We already have a good center in our President, a good quarter back in our Secretary and Treasurer, and a good safety man in our President-elect. What we need is some good, big, hefty tackles and guards. There is plenty of material if we only get them. Once we do get them, they can easily be trained to hit the line, pass the ball, and run interference, I mean the right kind, and the little back field can carry the ball for a touch down. Without a big hefty line and good interference, a perfect broken field runner is doomed, and defeat and disgrace is all that can be hoped for.

There is always a good cheering squad, and just now they are hurrying and yelling, "Hit that line", "Fight 'em big team, fight 'em".

We must get these older men; and if we do, Victory is ours. Let everyone of us get our man and we will carry the ball across.

G. A. C. Jennings, Chairman, Membership Committee.
THE CLINIC COMMITTEE

INVITES

YOU

TO PARTICIPATE IN

The Clinic Session

OF THE

ANNUAL MEETING

Virginia State Dental Association

DANVILLE, VIRGINIA

April 29-May 2
In Memoriam

DR. GEORGE A. SPRINKEL, JR.

Dr. George A. Sprinkel, Jr., was born in Culpeper, Virginia, December 29, 1873. He was the son of Dr. George A., Sr., and Pauline Hume Sprinkel. His father, who was also a well-known dentist, had practiced his profession for more than fifty years. Dr. Sprinkel, Jr., attended a preparatory school at Culpeper known as the Virginia Midland Academy and later studied dentistry at the University of Maryland, where he graduated from the School of Dentistry in 1898.

Dr. Sprinkel was engaged in the general practice of dentistry at Staunton, Virginia, for a number of years. He moved to Richmond in 1917, where he confined his practice to periodontia. Thoroughly devoted to his work and the profession, he soon built up an enviable practice. His patients learned to know him intimately and they not only appreciated his services but also admired the man and all that he stood for.

He was a member of the local, state and national dental societies, where he won the esteem and admiration of his fellow practitioners. At one time he served as Professor of Periodontia in the Medical College of Virginia. In civil and professional conduct he was exemplary in upholding lofty ideals. He possessed a cheerful disposition and a winning smile and his many associates and friends will miss his benevolent influence.

His private life was filled with an expression of beauty, for he was a devoted husband and father. His death, on September 21, 1928, at the age of 54, was a shock to his host of friends and admirers. He is survived by his widow and four children, his father, and three brothers.

Harry Bear.
RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF
DR. KARL H. KIRBY

Whereas, It has seemed wise to our Creator, on September the twenty-third, nineteen hundred twenty-eight, to remove from our midst our esteemed fellow-member, Dr. Karl H. Kirby; and,

Whereas, His interest and ability in the profession of dentistry, his kindly attitude toward his fellow-members of the Virginia State Dental Association, and his pleasing personality, have given him a place of high esteem in our hearts; therefore,

Resolved, That we greatly deplore this loss, with deep feelings of regret, softened only by our faith in the Almighty Dispenser of Events.

Resolved, That we tender to his afflicted relatives our sincere condolence and earnest sympathy.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions, signed by the president, be transmitted to the relatives of the deceased, and that a copy be recorded in the minutes of this Society, and that copies be given to the newspapers and to the Society's Bulletin for publication.

Geo. W. Duncan, Chairman,
K. H. B. Zickrick,
C. B. Reese,

Committee.

Richard C. Walden, President,
DR. MONTELLE B. RUDD

Died in Richmond, Virginia, Friday, November 16, 1928

Dr. Rudd graduated in dentistry from the University of Maryland in 1898, and from the time he entered the profession until his death, was an outstanding figure in dentistry, as well as in public life. He was accorded the highest honors the state society could bestow, and in his local society he was a leader without a peer. Leadership was a marked characteristic of Dr. Rudd. Always kind and sympathetic in all his intercourse with his fellows, and especially so with the young men of the profession, he was ever willing and glad to exercise his splendid skill and wide experience for those who desired to improve their knowledge and technique in dentistry.

Nationally he was recognized as one of Virginia’s most able dentists. His advice was sought and acted upon not only in dental affairs, but in civic affairs as well. He was a member of the staff of Governor E. Lee Trinkle and was connected with many organizations of a helpful character.

He gave unsparingly of his time and energy to the Virginia State Dental Association; and in all of his activities to improve the society, to make it a potential factor for good to humanity, there was no thought of self.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to remove from this life the soul of our friend and co-worker, Dr. Montelle B. Rudd; and,

Whereas, his charming personality, his personal magnetism, his courage in defending that which he conceived to be right, his just and fair dealings, his untiring efforts to advance dentistry and to place it in a position of outstanding usefulness to humanity, are but a few of the many virtues that adorned his noble character; therefore, be it

Resolved, that Virginia and the dental profession have lost one of their truest friends and most able exponents, and that we deeply deplore the loss of one who, to human eyes, was in the prime of his life and usefulness.

Resolved, then, as a mark of our love and esteem for him, that a copy of this preamble and these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Virginia State Dental Association, a copy sent to the family of Dr. Rudd, and copies mailed to the dental journals for publication.

Signed: H. W. Campbell,
       Harry L. Smith,
       W. N. Hodgkin.
Richmond Dental Society

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS*

Fellow-Members of the Richmond Dental Society:

One year ago when you esteemed me worthy of becoming your president I accepted with the knowledge that a professional honor is a personal as well as a professional trust.

It is customary for the president in his annual address to give an accounting of his stewardship for the year. This precedent I shall break because on the jog-trot of average years moments of unusual interest are few and epochal but from the first few weeks of my administration crises came so fast that it is difficult indeed to marshal them into orderly ranks and to include in this address those of greatest importance. While we have not been cursed with fire nor famine we have been visited by professional disagreement, religious controversy, financial depression and sudden death.

A decade separates two of the most outstanding years of my memory—1918 and 1928. Though the occurrences during these years differ greatly, they are alike in that they both have tremendously saddened and enriched my life.

In looking back over 1918 there are four events which stand out most clearly and which have moulded my ideals. First, on our voyage over, upon nearing the other side, was the memorable sight of the American flag upon our destroyers. After having spent twenty days on a freight ship loaded below with T.N.T. and decorated above with the flag of China; and after passing over a spot literally covered with wreckage, which two hours before had seen an allied ship torpedoed, I realized that never before had I seen the Stars and Stripes with the same singing thrill of patriotism. The second great moment was when the earth began to tremble during the first American drive. A feeling of helplessness came over me, knowing that I was condemned to the secondary part of waiting for the wounded doughboys whose sacrifice was so much greater than mine. This made me feel for the first time in my life the real love of fellowman. The third event was the tremendous realization that of all the hundreds of wounded

Editor's Note: Dr. J. B. Williams was asked to write an article, for The Bulletin, commemorating the lives of these men whose deaths are so keenly felt by us all. Dr. Williams' response to this request is embodied in his President's address to the Richmond Dental Society.
men I saw I never heard a man moan nor make a sound of complaint. This made me fervently hope that no matter what the future might bring I would have the manhood to bear it with fortitude and faith. The fourth event was the majestic sight of the Statue of Liberty as we rode into New York harbor. With it came a reverent thankfulness that I should be alive when so many would sleep forever in France.

From these experiences I accumulated an abiding desire to trust more, to be more charitable toward the words and deeds of others, and to refrain from complaint no matter how hard my lot might appear to be.

The events of this other momentous year, a decade later, have alternately lifted us up to the heights and dashed us down to the very depths. Our programs have been unusually good. Our publicity has been without a flaw. The report of our Oral Hygiene Committee on the school work in Richmond was received with great joy and pride. A great honor has been conferred upon us in the election of one of our members, Dr. Harry Bear, as vice-president of the American Society of Oral Surgeons and Exodontists and the American Dental Association. The very foundations of our beloved Medical College of Virginia have been rocked by controversy and schism. The radical result of the Presidential election has changed our state from a "liberal conservative to a conservative liberal." A new party in Virginia's government may necessitate our arising to protect membership in our board of examiners and to prevent unwise changes being made in our law. The maintenance of a good dental law not only protects the profession and the public, but it also protects certain individual dentists who might be tempted to enter the advertising field. Advertising "acts as a subtle poison which saps men's character in subtle ways."

From a professional and political viewpoint this year stands out as a great crisis and turning point. But greater than the stress and strain of such upheavals, both professional and political, is the great catastrophe in which our own hearts have suffered, as well as our profession; a catastrophe which in its devastation shows a likeness to the desolation of 1918. I speak of the loss of our warm personal friends and professional associates—Hoggan, Kirby, Sprinkel and Rudd, in which loss the philosophy taught by the experiences of 1918 have directed my thoughts to a higher hope rather than cast them down to a bitter despair.

Committees from this society have prepared and spread upon our minutes resolutions recording in detail the lives of these men.
As we think of them our sorrow is alleviated by the teachings of our childhood: of death as a complement to life, of heaven as a complement to earth. During our college days we were taught biology, embryology and evolution. In many of us days of confusion followed, during which our immature minds were unable to reconcile our old teachings to our new, so we were caught between the fires of the fundamentalists and the agnostics and were pierced by arrows from both sides. Our readjustment came with the knowledge that we can no more explain why two cells join to make a body and a life than we can understand what becomes of life when death separates it from the body. But this we do know that everything in history and in life is a continuous and infinite development so that as life leaves the body it too continues up into higher and greater spheres.

We see with our own eyes the development of the work which these men began. Our memory of their personalities will grow as we see this work advance. The fearless insistence for higher standards of dental education and for academic training for dental students by Dr. Hoggan is leading us toward becoming a more intelligent body of men. Dental education has advanced tremendously in Richmond within the past few years but as its field of action becomes broader its field of vision must necessarily become wider. The dental profession as well as all scientific professions must beware of the hour when its colleges fulfill all of its ambitions and desires. Dr. Kirby, as a prophet of the younger generation, has given us a new and valuable light on an old and despised subject. Tradition decreed that older practitioners should not discuss money because it was filthy. But Dr. Kirby's recent paper of the necessity of modern business methods in a dentist's office clearly indicated that money honestly made is an honorable thing and the application of business principles to practice in making us financially secure, will also make us professionally fit. Dr. Sprinkel's pioneer work in arresting one of Nature's most prevalent and mortifying diseases (pyorrhea) is guiding us to a genuine scientific accomplishment. The original technique of Dr. Rudd for partial impression taking and removable bridges makes it possible to more perfectly replace lost human organs with artificial substitutes that actually and accurately function. Unconsciously we will absorb some of the intelligence and art of Hoggan, the resourcefulness and determination of Kirby, the ability of Sprinkel to maintain with perfect sweetness an independent solitude in this busy world of mixed opinions, together with the driving force of Rudd into our own private and professional lives.

All of these men were our friends. The inspiration of their
minds belonged to us, the sum total of their knowledge and ex-
perience is part of our daily practice. Each one has left his mark
on our profession, each one has made his contribution, each one
has broadened our minds and enabled us to do our daily work
with more comprehension. But let us not allow the work of
these men to die with them. Let each of us light his torch from
the embers of their inspiration. For in the words of Emerson,
our earthly angels go out only that arch-angels may come in.
We cannot stay amid the ruins for the voice of the Almighty saith
"upward and onward forevermore."

In conclusion I desire to make two specific recommendations.

1. That our scholarship at William and Mary College be
continued and named the J. A. C. Hoggan Memorial Scholarship
in honor of Dr. Hoggan for his contributions to undergraduate
dental education.

2. That we recommend to the Virginia State Dental Asso-
ciation that they continue their scholarship at the College of Wil-
liam and Mary as a memorial to Dr. Montelle B. Rudd in honor
of his contributions to post-graduate dental education.

McGUIRE CLINIC,
St. Luke's Hospital,
Richmond, Va.

*Since writing this address we have lost another member of this
society, Dr. E. S. Honaker, of South Richmond, who died on Sunday,
December 16, 1928.

VIRGINIA-CAROLINA DENTAL CLINIC

The fifth annual session of the Virginia-Carolina Dental
Clinic will be held at the Medical College of Virginia, Monday and
Tuesday, February 11-12.

The subjects to be presented are all of a very practical nature
from the point of view of the general practitioner. The men
who will give the instruction are well known in their various
fields and each is experienced in teaching before such groups as
the mid-winter clinic.

Dr. J. Galvin Woodworth, Buffalo, will bring to the meeting
his wide knowledge of the subject of removable partial dentures
from the simple unilateral cases to the more complex restorations.
Dr. A. Alfred Nelson, Detroit, has consented to submit his work on full denture prosthesis. He is widely known through his articles in the dental literature and by his papers and clinics which have been presented at the A. D. A. and other large conventions.

Dr. O. S. Clappison, Toronto, whose reputation for good inlay restorations is well established in Canada and the Northern States, will demonstrate in a very practical way every step in the production of gold inlays.

The registration will be carried out on a plan similar to that used in previous years. Not more than 100 registrants will be accepted. The fee is $15.00; checks made out to the order of Mr. J. R. McCauley, treasurer Virginia-Carolina Dental Clinic, may be forwarded to the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, any time before February 1st. Should any registrant find that it is impossible for him to attend, his check will be returned provided notice is given not later than Friday, February 8th. Early registration enables the committee in charge to make their plans for a definite number, thus eliminating the uncertainty which ensues when registration is carried out at the last minute. The period between February 1st and the opening date of the clinic gives the committee sufficient time to notify each registrant regarding the exact plans for the meeting.

THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA DENTAL STUDY CLUB

The Southwest Virginia Dental Study Club is now two years old and has for its purpose the creation of a better feeling among the dentists of this section of the State. This objective has been attained by means of clinics and through general discussions. The club has created in each member a desire for better dentistry and since its organization valuable information has been gained.

During the past two years the Study Club has prepared two group clinics. One was presented at the meeting of the First District Dental Society of East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia at Bristol. The second was presented at the State Dental Convention in Roanoke.

Every professional man owes at least a part of his time to the upbuilding of the profession to which he belongs. To that end, our Study Club looks forward to the day when every dentist in Southwest Virginia will consider it his duty to join hands and help to make the Southwest Virginia Dental Study Club the best club of its kind in the State.

G. M. GOAD, Secretary.
ROANOKE DENTAL SOCIETY

At the December meeting of the Roanoke Dental Society the following new officers were elected:

Dr. L. J. Walton, President.
Dr. H. F. Sommardahl, President-elect.
Dr. R. L. Sommardahl, Secretary-Treasurer.
Dr. Grady Gregory, Chairman of Executive Committee.

There is to be a joint meeting of the Roanoke Dental Society and the Southwest Virginia Study Club at Roanoke early in February.

The Piedmont Dental Society will hold its annual meeting in Roanoke sometime in March.

R. L. SOMMARDAHL.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY DENTAL ASSOCIATION
CHARLOTTESVILLE MEETING

The sixteenth annual convention of the Shenandoah Valley Dental Association was held in Charlottesville, Friday and Saturday, November 2-3, at the Monticello Hotel, Dr. C. W. Beuchamp presiding.

The Friday afternoon session included a paper on Vincent's Angina, by Dr. R. C. Walden, of Richmond. Dr. Harry L. Smith, of Charlottesville, read a paper on The Porcelain Inlay and Its Substitutes. Dr. Fairfield, of Washington, gave a practical demonstration on muscle-trimmed impressions.

The annual banquet was held Friday evening at seven o'clock, following which Dr. Sterling V. Mead, of Washington, gave an illustrated lecture on Diseases of the Mouth. Dr. W. A. Daniels, Berryville, also read a paper, Children's Practice and the General Practitioner.

Saturday morning was devoted to clinics and the annual business meeting.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Dr. F. W. McClear, Lexington.
President-elect—Dr. W. B. Fahrney, Timberville.
Secretary—Dr. W. A. Daniels, Berryville.
Treasurer—Dr. W. H. Wunder, Woodstock.

Winchester was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

After the meeting adjourned the Charlottesville Dental Society entertained the visiting members by a trip to Monticello.

W. A. DANIELS.
NORTHERN VIRGINIA DENTAL STUDY CLUB

The Northern Virginia Dental Study Club was organized October 8, 1928, at a meeting held in Winchester. The following officers were elected to serve for one year:

President—Dr. R. B. Snapp.
Vice-President—Dr. E. M. Steele.
Secretary-Treasurer—Dr. B. M. Knight, Jr.
Corresponding Secretary—Dr. C. B. Harloe.

The club meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month. On November 8th the club met in Berryville, at which meeting Dr. W. A. Daniels read a paper on *The Use of Amalgam in Restoring Lost Tooth Structure.* The December meeting was held in Strasburg, the program including a paper on *Local Anaesthesia,* by Dr. Cecil Grove. The January meeting was held in Winchester.

C. B. HARLOE.

SOUTHSIDE DENTAL SOCIETY

The third annual meeting of the Southside Dental Society was held in Lawrenceville, Virginia, Friday, September 21, 1928. There were twenty-two members present. Five visiting dentists also attended the meeting: Drs. H. Wood Campbell, E. L. Gates, Harry Bear, J. B. Williams and Harry Lyons.

The program included two papers: *Preservation of Deciduous Teeth To Assist In Maintaining Normal Occlusion,* by Dr. W. H. Lewis, of Petersburg, and *Economic Factors in the Management of a Dental Office,* by Dr. C. D. Townes, of Waverly.

A mid-day dinner was served by a group of Lawrenceville ladies.

The following new officers were elected:
President—Dr. C. D. Townes, Waverly.
Vice-President—Dr. J. P. Irby, Blackstone.
Secretary-Treasurer—Dr. Wm. Pilcher, Petersburg.
Executive Committee—Dr. J. B. Mallory, Chairman; Dr. W. N. Lewis, Dr. H. B. Sowers.

RICHMOND DENTAL SOCIETY

At the annual meeting held Thursday, December 20th, Dr. Guy R. Harrison was elected president, succeeding Dr. John Bell.
Williams. Other officers elected were: Vice-President, Dr. Thos. W. Wood; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. R. H. Bruni; Executive Committee, Dr. J. C. Tyree, chairman, Dr. J. J. Stigall and Dr. G. A. C. Jennings.

As a tribute for his activities in the profession and his recent election as vice-president of the American Dental Association, Dr. Harry Bear was presented a silver vase by the society.

The recommendation of Dr. Williams that the society's scholarship to the College of William and Mary be named the J. A. C. Hoggan Memorial Scholarship was adopted. Another suggestion by the retiring president was that a similar scholarship from the State Association be named in honor of Dr. M. B. Rudd.