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## COLLEGE NEWS

THE "Faculty Seminar" program is beginning to register. It is stimulating inquisitive professional interest, almost to the point of research. The direction of these instructive meetings has been the pleasant duty of Dr. John A. Turner of the Department of Oral Surgery.

A plan of procedure for the dentist in his first contacts with patients was well discussed when Dr. J. H. Nicolson of the Department of Oral Diagnosis opened the year's program on January 14, with the subject, "The Evolution of Oral Diagnosis." Dr. Nicolson thus established a reference point, or place of orientation, to which any related subject in dentistry may refer, or find common ground.

On February 25, Dr. E. E. T. Mavritte of the Department of Prosthetic Dentistry, presented a paper and table clinic on partial denture prosthesis. His subject, "Fundamental Concepts for Practical Diagnosis and Design in Partial Denture Construction," was of scientific interest and convincing in every detail.

The third of the series was presented on April 8, by Dr. Robert M. Hendrick of the Department of Operative Dentistry. His subject was, "Gold Foil—The Revival of the Fittest." The presentation included a paper and table clinic in which every phase of the gold foil restoration was covered satisfactorily and convincingly.

The fourth and concluding presentation for the academic year was given by Dean Russell A. Dixon on May 20. Dr. Dixon's subject was, "Histopathological Changes in Pulp and Dentine Under Different Filling Materials." The discussion was of a purely scientific nature and included a lantern slide demonstration involving the findings by Dean Dixon in his investigations along this line.

In attendance upon these meetings, we have been happy to have practitioners from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington. This program will be continued next year; timely announcement will be made of each meeting, and we shall be pleased to welcome all practitioners who are interested in the scientific development of dental professionalism.

In Philadelphia, April 16, Dr. P. A. Fitzgerald of the Crown and Bridge Department, presented a paper and table clinic on "Fixed Crown and Bridge Work," at the guest-day program of the Odonto-Chirurgical Society. Several members of the faculty attended.

The Old Dominion Dental Society convened at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond—April 25-26. The program was presented

by the Faculty of Dentistry of that school. The meeting was attended by Dean Dixon, Professor Walton, Dr. J. L. Davis, Dr. J. H. Nicolson, and Dr. Emmett J. Scott, of our faculty. Dean Dixon and Drs. Davis and Scott were voted honorary memberships into the society.

Dr. Claude T. Ferebee of the Crown and Bridge Department was recently elected to membership in Epsilon Epsilon Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, dental honorary fraternity, in Columbia University. This fraternity was organized in 1914 by the faculty of Northwestern University Dental School, and has as its purpose the advancement of dental conservation. To this end it encourages a spirit of emulation among students in dentistry, and recognizes, by election to membership in the fraternity, those who shall distinguish themselves by high scholarship or professional attainment.

#### NEWS FROM THE CLASSES

The Dental Class of '37, now in its Sophomore stride, has awakened to new endeavors. Realizing its potential ability, and now just out of the laboratories of the Biological Sciences, the class is bursting under its own pressure to change the potential into the kinetic. They have caught the vision and choose to act.

To this end, a forum series was planned, during which eminent educators will cover the scope of medico-dental training in such a manner as to correlate more clearly the mass of knowledge so far attained. The plans calls for lectures, in progressive sequence, dealing with the development of the human body in all stages of medico-dental circumstance, through its entire life cycle. The first speaker, Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee, discussed "Prenatal Care and Dental Responsibility During Pregnancy."

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#### THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL SCHOOLS

WHILE the representation from the College of Dentistry of Howard University to the meeting of the American Association of Dental Schools, was not as large this year as last, it lacked not one whit in earnestness and enthusiasm. At the 1934 meeting, five members from the dental faculty attended. They were Dean Russell A. Dixon, Drs. Walter B. Garvin, Robert M. Hendrick, John A. Turner and Adolphus Walton. This year it was possible for only two members of the faculty to represent Howard, although several others expressed a sincere desire to go.

Now what is the American Association of Dental Schools? It is an Association formed by the amalgamation of The American Institute of Dental Teachers, The National Association of Dental Faculties, The Faculties Association of American Universities, and The Canadian Faculties Association. It was organized in 1923. About thirty-eight dental schools, throughout the United States and Canada, compose its membership. The place of meeting this year, as last, was the famous Hotel Stevens, located on Chicago's great Michigan Avenue overlooking Lake Michigan on the east.

The meeting of the International Association for Dental Research precedes that of the American Association of Dental Schools by two days. While we were a day late in arriving, Dean Dixon was fortunate to get in one day in that branch of dental science in which he is so intensely interested. At the 1934 meeting he read a paper before this distinguished body under the title of "Histopathological Changes in Pulp and Dentine Under Different Filling Materials."

The meeting of the Association of Dental Schools began, as usual, with a banquet which was held in the South Ballroom of the Hotel Stevens. We had the pleasure of dining with such outstanding men as Dr. Bunting of the University of Michigan, Dr. Diamond of Columbia University and Dr. Hatton of Northwestern University. The main purpose of the meeting this year was to discuss methods of teaching. The papers and talks were most instructive and helpful. Time and space will not permit even a cursory review of the splendid speeches. They will all be published in the Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Meeting of the American Association of Dental Schools. While one would do well to read them all, the following might be called to your attention: "The Challenge of the Future," by Harlan H. Horner, M.A., Ph.D., L.L.D., Assistant Commissioner of Higher Education, New York State Education Department, Albany, N. Y.; "The Social Outlook," by Michael M. Davis, A.B., Ph.D., Medical Director, Julius Rosenwald Fund, Chicago, Illinois; "Pre-dental Education," by Leroy M. S. Miner, D.M.D., M.D., Sc.D., Dean, Harvard University, School of Dentistry.

It is fitting to note that Howard's representatives were not present merely as spectators, but they were part and parcel of the proceedings. Dean Dixon entered into the discussion of several conferences and departed himself ably, as he has done many times before. Dr. Hendrick spoke during the discussion of the conference on Operative Dentistry,

in response to an invitation by the chairman, Dean Ralph Byrnes, of Atlanta Southern Dental College.

Without overstepping the bounds of propriety, it might be stated that a delegation from Howard is an anticipation at these meetings. Letters and personal greetings from the officials attest to this statement. That Howard Dental College is enriched by such contacts and by garnering a wealth of enlightenment from such a learned atmosphere, goes, of course, without saying. We are looking forward with zeal to the 1936 meeting, which is to be held in Louisville, Kentucky. How many will attend cannot at this time be definitely stated. That the College of Dentistry of Howard University will be represented is reasonably assured.

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#### RECENT VISITORS

WE ARE very happy to list, among our recent visitors, the following alumni and prominent men in the profession: Samuel A. Williamson, '25, Atlantic City, N. J.; Roscoe C. Ward, '23, Port Chester, N. Y.; Charles W. Dorsey, '11, Philadelphia, Pa.; Q. B. King, '13, Washington, D. C.; H. T. Penn, '31, Roanoke, Va.; M. D. Wiseman, '18, Washington, D. C.; R. M. Tribitt, '12, Columbus, Ohio; Walter N. Beekman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; James L. Baxter, Orange, N. J.; Robert H. Thompson, '20, Westfield, N. J.; John E. Ford, '26, New Brighton, Pa.; William H. Dyer, '23, Columbus, Ohio; W. T. Grady, '23, Washington, D. C., and Edgar E. Carroll, '31, New York City.

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Treat your friends for what you know them to be. Regard no surfaces, consider not what they did, but what they intended.—*Thoreau*.