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Seminars

FACULTY ACTIVITIES during the school year have included attendance upon four seminars which have supplied interesting material for thoughtful moments.

The committee on seminars, under the chairmanship of Dr. William J. Madison, presented Dr. George C. Paffenbarger, of the United States Bureau of Standards, who spoke on "Dental Research"; Doctors Lloyd Newman and Vernon Wilkerson, of the College of Medicine, whose subject was "Recent Advances in Vitamin Research"; Doctors Raymond Hayes and Noah McNeil, of the College of Dentistry, who presented "A Report of Two Unusual Cases from Freedmen's Hospital," and Dr. Frank C. Cady, of the United States Department of Public Health, whose topic was "Public Health Dentistry."

These seminars were open to members of the profession, and have been attended by dentists of Washington and Baltimore as well as members of the medical faculty.

Dental Education and Guidance

As previously reported, this program is one primarily devoted to the interests of intelligent vocational choice on the part of the undergraduate student, so that his years of preparation might be arranged in a studied fashion to produce the proper foundation for his career.

This year several field trips have been made and the response elicited, both from college authorities and students, has been wholesome and indicative of genuine eagerness to cooperate to the fullest.

Dean Dixon has visited Lincoln University (Pa.) and Morgan State College.

In collaboration with Doctors P. A. Fitzgerald and R. M. Hendrick, he has also visited Bennett College, Florida A. and M. College, Dillard University, Xavier University and Southern University.

Doctors J. L. Davis, W. J. Madison and E. J. Scott have

visited Morehouse College, Morris Brown College, Spelman College, Clark University, Alabama State Teachers' College, Talladega College, Tennessee State College and West Virginia State College.

Thus far we feel that the program has served a useful purpose extra-murally as well as intra-murally. All efforts are being expended to continue its original caliber and even to render it more vitally interesting.

Notes of Interest

Dr. John A. Turner, Assistant Professor of Oral Surgery, has been on sabbatical leave during the current academic year. He has spent his time doing graduate study in oral surgery at Columbia University College of Dental and Oral Surgery.

We are happy to welcome back to our midst Dr. Eugene E. T. Mavritte, who has been on requested leave of absence in order to avert a threatening illness. It gives us pleasure to report that he is greatly improved in physical fitness.

Dr. Hildrus A. Poindexter, head of the Department of Bacteriology, is currently on leave of absence. Operating from the School of Tropical Medicine in San Juan, Puerto Rico, he has made trips to Chile, Peru, Brazil, Uruguay, Columbia, Argentina and Panama. He is engaged in an extensive study in parasitology and immunology.

It is with great regret that we lose two of the members of our faculty with the expiration of this school year.

Dr. Robert M. Hendrick, Associate Professor of Dentistry, and Dr. Noah C. McNeil, Instructor in Dentistry, are both returning to exclusive private practice, Dr. Hendrick to Asheville, N.C., and Dr. McNeill to Columbus, Ohio. Both of these men have served Howard well, have made many friends and will be sorely missed. We wish them every success in their respective endeavors.

Summer Postgraduate Courses in Dentistry

The first of a projected series of summer postgraduate courses in dentistry were given from July 8 to August 8 at Howard University College of Dentistry. The course, which was designed to enable practicing dentists to return to school for purposes of refreshing themselves in modern technique and its biological background, covered the period from July 8 to August 8, and, for the initial session, was well attended.

Members of the profession who took part in the course were: Doctors Benjamin D. Boyd, of the United States Veterans' Hospital, Tuskegee, Ala.; John W. Black, of Rocky Mount, N.C.; Gardner P. Downing, of Roanoke, Va.; Q. Bernard King, of Washington, D.C., and Wesley A. Mount of Bristol, Pa.

At the end of the session the above group sponsored a dinner at Harrison's Cafe at which their guests were: President Mordecai W. Johnson, Dean Russell A. Dixon and Doctors Robert M. Hendrick, William J. Madison, Raymond L. Hayes, Emmett J. Scott and Mrs. Alicia M. Howard, of the faculty of the college. Dr. Elwood Downing was also present as the guest of his brother.

The course itself marks a progressive step in dental education. While not a new idea, it is a distinct opportunity for the established dentist to keep abreast of current professional advancement without interfering with the success of his practice. It is felt generally that the fruits of such efforts aid materially in improving the type of public service by promoting higher standards.



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