WHO'S WHO IN OUR FACULTY

THE TRIUMVIRATE

IF THERE is any shortcoming in the hustle and bustle of our workaday world, it is that failure to give direct expression of esteem to those great souls who still move among us, from day to day, as they continue to give "their all" to the cause to which they have devoted the better part of their lives. If human service, loyalty, and sacrifice can form the invisible pillars of an institution, surely we can point to "Our Triumvirate" as the embodiment of the attributes upon which the spirit of our Dental School has been founded. It is, therefore, a pleasure to honor, even in this modest way, the three of our staff who have labored long and faithfully.

DR. FREDERIC PELHAM BARRIER

FEW men who entered the field of dental education during its early stages of University development are endowed with the vigor of body and versatility of mind to continue to be actively engaged in keeping abreast and contributing, materially, to the solution of vital problems in the present-day trends of the profession. Dr. Frederic Pelham Barrier occupies a unique position in the affairs of the College of Dentistry. It is he, more than any other member of the faculty, who forms the connecting link between the pioneer days and the present in our organization. It is he who has nurtured, with paternal devotion, unusual foresight, and patient endurance, for over a quarter of a century, the ideals and fundamental principles
conceived by the founders of the College of Dentistry of Howard University in its infancy.

Though born in Brockport, New York, in 1878, Dr. Barrier received his elementary and secondary education in Detroit, Michigan, where his parents moved when he was but three years of age. As a youth, his prowess in the field of athletics made him popular among his associates. In 1902, he entered the College of Dentistry of Howard University and graduated in 1905. His work as a student was of such calibre that, during his senior year, he was appointed student instructor in Prosthetic and Operative Dentistry.

His first graduate appointment came in 1906 with the designation of Demonstrator and Instructor in charge of Summer Clinics. With the improved "set-up" in the College of Dentistry in 1909, he was transferred to the Department of Prosthetics Dentistry, where he served as Assistant and Director of the Prosthetic Laboratory. Another promotion came in 1912, when he was appointed Superintendent of Clinics. During his term in this capacity, he brought about considerable development, the most notable of which was the instituting of a clinic for school children. His meritorious work in the many departments of the school which he had served earned for him the rank of Associate Professor in charge of Dental Anatomy and courses in Operative Technics. In 1929, he relinquished the post of Superintendent of Clinics, and since has devoted his entire time to the development of his course in Operative Technics and Clinical Dentistry.

Dr. Barrier has been alive to the value of organization in the dental profession and has taken a leading part in the founding of several dental societies. He is a charter member of the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society, the National Dental Association and the Chi Lambda Kappa Dental Fraternity.

This brief review of a long, active, and brilliant career gives an insight into the significance of Dr. Barrier's title—"The Grand Soul of Dentistry"—which is accorded to him by all Howardites.
evaluation to a life so rich in contribution as his has proved. Then, may this be regarded as a mere testimonial of the high esteem his students and co-workers of all time hold for him. The finest monuments to the part he has played in dental education and character building are seen in the worthy services of his large “professional family,” as they have gone out, year after year, into their field of labor.

Dr. Edwards, born July 23, 1872, is a native son of the “Capitol City.” Therefore, not unlike many others, his fortunate location enabled him to receive an education within the confines of the District of Columbia. Having graduated from the Normal Department of Howard University in 1889, he entered the College of Dentistry, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1907.

After establishing a substantial practice in the city, his career as an instructor in the College of Dentistry began in 1911. Since that time, he has rendered uninterrupted service to the dental school and has been connected, in no small way, in all progressive movements for its advancement.

Though a father of a family of four, a conscientious teacher, and a busy practitioner, Dr. Edwards never became so absorbed in his immediate interests that he did not reach out into the broader field of professional activities. As a member of the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society, he was honored with its presidency for two years. He is a charter member of the National Dental Association and an ardent worker in many civic projects. As a convincing example of the regard Dr. Edwards holds for his chosen profession and for the school to which he has dedicated a large part of his life, we take pride in point-
ing to the fact that one of his sons is an alumnus of the College of Dentistry. Since his graduation, Dr. Elmer Edwards has been engaged in active practice in an adjoining office with his father.

Dr. Edwards' stern discipline, his tireless activity as a teacher, and his sympathetic understanding of students have so endeared him in the memory of those with whom he has been intimately associated that he has been fittingly and affectionately referred to as "Daddy of the Dental College." With a relationship so long and so valuable, it will be impossible to separate the name of the College of Dentistry from that of Dr. Edwards'.

DR. ADOLPHUS WALTON

"NOT how long we live, but how well" we serve, is the basis of judgment of one's worth. Yet, long years of dutiful service play an important part in enabling one "to round-out" a more effective and lasting contribution.

Dr. Adolphus Walton, though the youngest of the "Triumvirate," both in years and tenure, has proved a great asset in establishing the stability and prestige of the College of Dentistry during his fifteen years of faithful and arduous work. The intensity with which Dr. Walton has executed his work and his vivacious attitude toward all that is vital in the progress of the profession are singular attributes which have inspired many a young dental student to realize the best that is in him.

Dr. Walton, though born in Jamaica, British West Indies on June 3, 1893, spent his early manhood in Washington, D. C., where he received his academic and professional
training. So superior was his scholastic record as a predental student, that he was awarded a scholarship in 1915, which he devoted to his professional education in the College of Dentistry of Howard University. Soon after the completion of his dental work in 1918, he was one of the first clinicians to be appointed to the newly initiated dental clinics in the public schools of Washington, a position which he held until 1921.

Dr. Walton began teaching in 1919, which was at a time when the school was entering into a new era, and he played an important role in laying the ground-work for the progress that the dental school now enjoys. It was but two years later that recognition was given to the quality of his service by his promotion to the rank of Associate Professor in Dentistry. His present position, as head of the department of Prosthetic Dentistry, has been held by him since 1930.

Perhaps, nothing is greater proof of Dr. Walton’s progressive spirit than that which he has manifested in his desire for continued personal advancement. His postgraduate work includes courses in the College of Liberal Arts of Howard University and in the Dental School of the University of Toronto. His article on “Full Denture Construction” was published in the July, 1929, issue of Dental Items of Interest.

As a well-established and successful practitioner, Dr. Walton has done much to dignify the profession in the “public eye.” Along with fellow practitioners, he has co-operated for the common good, through organizations such as the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society, the National Dental Society, and the Chi Lambda Kappa Dental Fraternity. He is affiliated as an honorary member of the Old North State Dental Society, the Old Dominion Dental Society, and the Odonto-Chirugical Society of Philadelphia.

The only true recompense for the many milestones which mark the rapid succession of accomplishments in Dr. Walton’s career can be given in the exhibition of sincere appreciation for what he has meant and can mean to the College of Dentistry.