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WHO'S WHO IN OUR FACULTY

ROBERT M. HENDRICK, B. S., D. D. S.

"No man is born into the world whose work is not born with him."

Dr. Robert M. Hendrick displays those earmarks of happy confidence and refreshing pride possessed of one who has determined "the rightful pattern" of his life and upon full fruition of it, reflects a joy in the worthiness of the work which is his. With the precision, foresight, and adroitness characteristic of an artist, he consistently strives for the greatest possible perfection in the most minute details, whether they be of scientific or general significance. Probably there is no virtue more strongly evidenced than his evaluation of the importance of small things which are mistaken too often for trivials. Even to the casual observer, this faculty is given expression in his exact personal appearance, not only in the clinic but on all occasions. By inference and direction, Dr. Hendrick has been identified with the clinical project of emphasizing to dental students the flawlessness of personal appearance as an essential phase of professional efficiency. With similar effectiveness, he has passed his wholesome philosophy of work on to those who come under his tutelage.

To call him "Bob" seems to suggest that radiant, sincere, informal relationship which he so easily creates with his fellows. This "love of people" has followed him consistently from his
youthful days “around home” in Asheville, North Carolina; therefore, it is not difficult to visualize him as one of the “good fellows” who add wholesome zest to the community life of a progressive people.

Exceptionally vibrant with an ambition for constructive activity, Dr. Hendrick possesses the happy faculty of becoming so completely a part of his surroundings that he spreads the contagion of his enthusiastic participation and capable leadership to practically every agency with which he has ever been identified. Whether as a typical school boy or active alumnus of the local high school, as the superintendent of one of the largest Sunday Schools of North Carolina, as an active promoter of social uplift in the community, or as an administrator of a dental organization, his work has met with popular acclaim. And even though his educational work at Howard University calls him away from family and friends for the greater part of each year, he still reserves the right to the affectionate reference of “Our Boy” and “Our Leading Dentist” made to him by the elders of the town who anxiously await his homecoming each summer.

Ever at the side of Dr. Hendrick during all his efforts for worthy achievement, has stood unswervingly his charming and unassuming companion, the former Miss Irene O. Stewart, of Tallahassee, Florida. To her beautiful devotion and courage is attributed much of the generous realization of family happiness and professional success which Dr. Hendrick has enjoyed. From Robert, Jr., now a sophomore student in college, comes a fitting commentary on a son’s high regard for his father’s work in the form of an expressed desire to join the ranks of those in the profession of his Dad.

Professionally, Dr. Hendrick’s pre-dental and dental background has been influenced by schools in distant sections of the country. He received his B. S. degree from Florida A. and M. College of Tallahassee. Beginning in 1917, an interim of twenty months interrupted his educational pursuits, and it was during this time that he was commissioned as First Lieutenant in the World War. The first two years of his professional training were received at Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, Ohio, and the degree of D. D. S. was conferred upon him at Northwestern University in 1926.

In recognition of his brilliant professional record, including four years’ practice in Asheville, he became an Assistant Professor of Preventive Dentistry in the College of Dentistry of Howard University.
University in 1931. Without limitation of time or energy, Dr. Hendrick, with characteristic dignity, fills this place like one who “hath his daily work of body and mind appointed” to a noble service.

WALTER BENJAMIN GARVIN, D. D. S.

Dr. Garvin was born in Jacksonville, Florida, on December 21, 1895. Here he spent his early childhood and adolescence, receiving his primary education in the Jacksonville Public Schools. His secondary education was received at Edward Waters College and in the Academy Department at Howard University, where, subsequently, he took his pre-dental course.

Dr. Garvin graduated from the College of Dentistry at Howard University in June, 1918, was licensed in the State of Maryland in July of that year, and returned to enter the course in Army Dentistry, under the supervision of the Medical Corps, U. S. A., in August of the same year.

In November, 1918, he entered the Thomas W. Evans Dental School, University of Pennsylvania, and pursued a graduate course in Crown and Bridge work, Dental Ceramics and Operative Dentistry, which was completed in January, 1919.

From 1919 to 1922, he practiced in Baltimore, from where he moved to Washington, where, upon receipt of his license, he entered into a private practice which he still enjoys.

Dr. Garvin served as a Clinical Instructor in Dentistry at Howard during 1923-24, and returned in 1929 in the same capacity, since which date he has continued to serve ably.
He is a member of the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society, the National Dental Association, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Suave, efficient, and easy to approach, there is one deep mystery that defies solution. Many of us wonder, to no avail, what the mystic origin of such a pseudonym as “Fish” might be. At any rate, so he is called.

His hobby seems to be that of ardent supporter of the “Fighting Drill’s.” His happiness finds its source in his beautiful wife, Antoinette, with whom he is very prominent in the social circles of the Nation’s Capital.

JACKSON L. DAVIS, A. B., LL. B., D. D. S.

Dr. Jackson L. Davis is an example of that almost legendary type, the country boy who went to the city and made good.

Born on a farm near Mansfield, Louisiana, he received his early educational inspiration in the schools of the county while his father initiated him into the noble discipline of husbandry, which undoubtedly played an important part in developing his characteristic ruggedness of body and mind. But “Jack,” as he is affectionately dubbed by his colleagues, was not to be bound to the quiet security of the good earth; the forum and the concourse were the natural elements for a spirit such as his. Thus we find him in 1912 emerging from New Orleans University with the A. B. degree and proceeding at once to the University of Chicago to do postgraduate work in mathematics. Returning to his alma mater in 1912, he served
for one year as instructor in mathematics. In 1913 he came to Washington and matriculated in the Howard University School of Law and at the same time secured a clerkship in the U. S. Bureau of Census, which he held while reading law and, later, studying dentistry. Being an exponent of the full life, he lost no time in seeking a wife and, in the second year of his law course, he was married to Miss Cicely J. Diggs, of Virginia, who bore him two children. In 1916 he was admitted to the Bar of the District of Columbia, immediately after receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws from Howard University.

Though in possession of the full right to practice law and having the natural endowments for success in this field, Counsellor Davis now saw in dentistry a better opportunity for advancement for men of his race. With characteristic courage, he began to lay plans for a change of course. To this end he matriculated at Howard University College of Dentistry in 1919 and received the D. D. S. degree in 1923. In 1924 he passed the examination for license to practice in the State of Pennsylvania and, during the following year, he likewise qualified in the District of Columbia and entered practice in Washington, where he still maintains his office.

The year of 1925 was one of trial as well as triumph for Dr. Davis; death robbed him of his beloved wife. But even so great a misfortune could not crush such a man. Single handed he is bringing up his daughter and son in a most creditable manner. Lucille, a brilliant young lady, is a senior at Howard University; and Jackson Junior is in his third year in junior high school. Both of these children reflect the best of home training.

During the reorganization of Howard University Dental School in 1928, Dr. Davis was invited to serve on the faculty as half-time instructor, his assignments being in Operative Dentistry, Economics, Ethics and Jurisprudence, and the History of Dentistry. He is also Chairman of the Editorial Committee of the Dentoscope. In addition to his scholastic attainments, Dr. Davis is a man of exceptionally good sense and is held in the highest esteem by his colleagues as well as by the students who come in contact with him. In personal as well as professional matters he can always be relied upon to give wise counsel in times of stress, so that he has come to be regarded as a sort of brother in the Faculty of Dentistry. But recognition of his personal worth is not merely
local. The National Dental Association has seen in him a man fit for the highest honor that it can bestow.

In his public affiliations, Jackson L. Davis is identified with the forces that stand for solid citizenship. He is a churchman, a Mason, and, above all, an untiring supporter of organized dentistry. For five years he has been the Treasurer of the Robert T. Freeman Dental Society. He is a past Vice President and the present President-Elect of the National Dental Association, and an honorary member of the Old Dominion Dental Society. He has served all these bodies, not only as an official, but also as essayist or clinician on various occasions. We predict further progress and growth of the N. D. A. under his approaching incumbency.

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Make all roads lead to Cincinnati August 4, 5, 6, 7; National Dental Association.