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GENERAL INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS

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Component Societies.

Most of the State Societies will hold their 1914 meetings between now and the meeting of the National at Rochester, N. Y., July 7th to 10th. As this will be the first meeting under the reorganization, we desire to call attention to the importance of EVERY State Dental Society becoming affiliated as a component with its full membership and arranging to be fully represented in the House of Delegates.

It is indeed gratifying to know that nearly all the State Societies have become components with their full membership. This is as it should be, as it will establish one class of active members in the State Societies and effect the best possible form of a National organization. Some may fear that such action will

cause a reduction in the state membership and some few may drop out and give this as a reason. If so, the question arises: were they of any real value to a society and would they not have soon found some other excuse to withdraw? I firmly believe that National affiliation will encourage the younger members of the profession to become members of local and state societies and in this way all depreciation in numbers will be fully compensated by new members, who will become active workers.

Regarding the effect of affiliation with full membership, your attention is directed to an article in this number by Dr. F. R. Chapman, Secretary of the Ohio Society, which gives definite information showing a decided increase in the Ohio membership the first year after affilia-

tion. True, this increase required some missionary work and I feel justified in stating that the Ohio Secretary was at first opposed to affiliation with full membership for fear that it would result in a noticeable loss of state members.

These figures are not guess work, as our 1914 National dues are necessarily collected with our 1913 state dues, as the Ohio meetings are held in December. Our action to affiliate, with all members, was taken in 1912. Approximately 900 paid dues for our 1912 meeting and dues have already been paid to the National for 1077 for 1914, with a strong probability of enough delinquents paying up within the time limit to increase this to more than 1100. I merely refer to Ohio conditions because it is possible to make positive statements. Further, our National Bulletin should stimulate an interest with State Society members, but this was not so with us since practically all Ohio dues had been paid by the members before the first copy was issued.

There are only a few societies that have not come in with their full membership and reports from practically all of these are most encouraging. We earnestly request that the State Society members receiving this Bulletin, and especially the officers, co-operate in every possible way in supporting the reorganized National. Some things may not suit everyone, but it is the duty of every reputable practitioner of dentistry to support all that is good in our organization and assist in correcting any minor defects that may be present, or may later develop. Now is the time for all ethical dentists to rally to the support of their profession and in no other way will this be so effective as to aid and encourage those who are doing the best they can in developing our organization into an efficient one.

Payment of Dues.

The annual dues are \$1.00 and payable January 1st for the ensuing year, although there is provision for such pay-

ment up to within thirty days of the annual session, which would allow dues for 1914 to be paid up to June 7th.

Attention of the officers of the Component Societies, is called to the fact that dues should be paid to the General Secretary who issues as a receipt certificates of membership. The General Secretary transmits the dues thus collected to the Treasurer at such times as the Board of Trustees may direct. I refer to this since about one-half the societies that have paid dues for 1914 have remitted direct to our Treasurer. This just makes some unnecessary work for these officers. The Secretaries of the Component Societies should transmit the dues, together with an ACCURATE type-written list of members, to the General Secretary.

Membership Certificates.

National membership certificates are being furnished at a considerable item of expense, but is thought that these will prove a good investment. In order that the individual members and our Association will receive the full benefits of such certificates, it is suggested that these be framed and hung in a suitable place in the office. As certificates are received, from year to year, they can be placed in the same frame over the old ones. The year of membership will be distinctly designated and no member will feel justified in having a certificate that is not up to date.

House of Delegates.

Attention is also called to the fact that the House of Delegates will meet at 10:30 a. m., July 6th, as provision is made for the first meeting the day previous to the opening session of the Association. It is quite important that the delegates and alternates selected bear this date in mind and arrange to reach Rochester in time for the first meeting of the House of Delegates.

Each Component Society and the Army and Navy Dental Corps are entitled to one delegate. A Component Society with one hundred members is entitled to two

delegates and each additional two hundred members in the National entitles such a society to another delegate. For instance, four delegates to five hundred members and seven to eleven hundred, etc. Delegates and alternates should be elected at the regular time of electing officers. Chapter IV., Section 2, of the By-Laws provides for the electing of these delegates for two years, but "Component Societies entitled to more than one delegate shall elect them so that one-half, as near as may be, shall be elected each year." It should be definitely understood that in the event a society elects more delegates than their paid membership entitles them, that the names shall be dropped, beginning at the bottom of the list, until the proper number remains.

Co-Operation of National Officers.

The National officers are anxious to co-operate and assist the State Societies in every possible way. If you have any suggestions as to how we can help you, or if you have any suggestions for the good of the National, we will be glad to receive them and promise in advance that they will receive careful consideration.

If the officers and committees of any State Society feels that it would be of mutual benefit to have some representative officially authorized to speak for the National attend their meeting, we will do what we can to bring this about. First, if possible, we will arrange for someone of our elective officers, which includes the Board of Trustees, to meet with you. If this is not possible, we could probably arrange to delegate some other outside man. For instance, if you are to have a special essayist we probably could delegate him, or if this is not practical, we might arrange and have one of your members, more or less familiar with the plans of the National, give such information as may be required. Anyway, we want to do what we can to assist you and stimulate your members to the end that

a close relation will be established between the various State Societies and the National.

Journal and Other Questions.

I fully appreciate the importance of the work of most of our committees, but consider that the question of the National Dental Journal is the first and most important problem before us today, and have every reason to believe that this can be satisfactorily solved at the Rochester meeting. My reason for placing this first is because I believe that the success of our organization, in its broadest sense, depends upon having an official Journal.

We are publishing in this issue a few Journal articles by men who have given this question careful thought. This course was approved by the Chairman of the Journal Committee and is done to stimulate individual study with the hope that the best possible course may be adopted and that we will be able to publish our own Journal, commencing January 1st, 1915.

We have every reason to believe that the Scientific research Commission is going to do much that will advance the dental profession in many ways and render valuable service to humanity, but in this our Journal will be necessary in order to accomplish best results, and this applies alike to most of our other important problems. As I see it, the four factors most needed by this Research Commission are as follows:

First, necessary funds to carry on this work;

Second, competent men, and I think we have these and we are grateful for their enthusiasm;

Third, a National Dental Journal to give to the profession, from time to time, the progress of their work;

Fourth, the loyal support of our profession, which is justly due those who are rendering faithful service in this or in any other capacity.

This commission is doing excellent

pioneer work at present, but with the four essentials just named we are confident that through the results of their efforts our progress will be both marked and permanent.

My reason for placing this first is because I believe that the success of our organization, in its broadest sense, will depend upon having an official Journal, which will keep our members correctly informed in Association affairs and by publishing our Proceedings therein. In addition to this, the Journal should be of such a high standard as to attract the best writers in our profession as well as be able to secure such material from the medical profession as would be related in any way to the dental.

Committees.

Regular committees provided for in the new Constitution and By-Laws will note their duties and govern themselves accordingly. Several committees, not provided for in the new Constitution and By-Laws, were continued this year for the reason that during the transition period some special work was assigned, or some official body approved their continuation. These committees should discharge such duties as may have been assigned them or, in the absence of this, give attention to such matters as would naturally come within the scope of work properly belonging to such committees. Then prepare a brief type-written report and make such recommendations or suggestions as are thought best. Copy of these reports should be mailed to the General Secretary and the President as early before the date of meeting as is possible. Unless some provision is made for the continuance of a number of these special and extra committees they will naturally lapse with the close of the Rochester meeting.

The Rochester Meeting.

Reports from the Local Committee of Arrangements would indicate that everything is progressing satisfactorily and that they are planning for a large attendance. The Transportation Committee expects to have definite information concerning rates, etc., in the next number of the Bulletin. We hope to issue this by June 1st to 10th and this will give the complete literary and clinical program, as well as various details in connection with the meeting; also, more or less general information concerning Rochester and vicinity.

However, in order that our members may have some idea of the class of men who will contribute to our program, we are pleased to incorporate a partial list as follows: Dr. Victor C. Vaughn, Ann Arbor, Mich., Dean of the Medical Department of the University of Michigan and President of the Michigan State Board of Health. Dr. Vaughn is President-elect of the American Medical Association and will have advanced to the Presidency before our meeting. Dr. Joseph C. Bloodgood, Baltimore, Md., a well known surgeon of the Johns Hopkins University. Drs. Thomas B. Hartzell, Weston A. Price, Russell W. Bunting, Chalmers J. Lyons, George E. Hunt, and others.

The clinicians have been selected with a view of demonstrating the very best and latest methods of practice and one session will be conducted as a Progressive Clinic.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, we confidently anticipate a HIGH CLASS PROGRAM, A LARGE ATTENDANCE AND A SATISFACTORY MEETING ARRANGEMENTS. All of these will stimulate an increased interest in our reorganized National Dental Association.

SPECIAL NOTICE:—Mrs. Homer C. Brown, Columbus, Ohio, the wife of our president, underwent an operation on February 22 for appendicitis. We are sure that Mrs. Brown's host of friends will be pleased to learn that she is improving nicely. Dr. Brown reports (February 27) that "Mrs. Brown is feeling extraordinary well, considering everything."—Editor.