

tenant, however, owing to his efficiency and ability, he in a short time was promoted to Major. His duty was to inspect army camps. He today enjoys the distinction of being President of the

largest Dental organization in the world, the National Dental Association.

We will now hear from C. Victor Vignes of New Orleans, President of the National Dental Association.

DR. LOGAN AS AN ARMY OFFICER.

By Major C. Victor Vignes*, D. C., U. S. A., New Orleans, La.

(Address given before Chicago Dental Society, April 29, 1919.)

Mr. Toastmaster, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I wish first to express my sincere thanks to those who have arranged this splendid reception, for the opportunity given me to join the profession of Chicago in paying a just and well merited tribute to my good friend Colonel Logan.

It is indeed meet and proper that he should receive this grateful attention from the members of the profession of his own home town; for if any one ever did really deserve credit for a marked step in the advancement of dentistry, Colonel Logan is that individual.

What a great, good fortune it was for Dentistry and for the service, that he, of all the other able men of our profession, was chosen to set in motion, at a critical moment, the machinery necessary in the organization of the Dental Corps of the United States Army! And it is because of a profound realization of this fact and of our common pride in his achievements that we speak of him today, wherever dentists are met, as "Our Colonel Logan."

We are all more or less familiar with the larger aspect of the plans of organization of the Dental Corps:

That starting with the parent office in Washington, many difficulties were confronted and a maze of red-tape had to be cut, before an efficient organization there could be obtained,

That specially constructed Dental Clinic buildings were erected in the various Camps and Cantonments,

That these and buildings in smaller

military organizations were furnished with a complete dental equipment,

That qualified Dental Officers were assigned, in proper numbers, to each of these different units,

That the Dental Officers assigned to the base hospitals required particular attention as to their selection and that it is of record that they met every demand made upon them by the Medical Officers with whom they were thrown in such close contact,

That a Dental Officers' Training Camp was established at Fort Oglethorpe; and that the great work of that particular institution in training and qualifying men for responsible positions will ever be regarded as a credit to the profession and to the great mind that conceived it,

That some of the best men of our profession were secured and assigned to the most trying and difficult positions in the offices of the Attending Surgeon, in Washington,

That the proper quota of Dental Officers were, at all times ready, at the ports of embarkation, to proceed with the Divisions, as they left this country for the field of action in Europe,

That the old and unsatisfactory system that obtained in the army in pre-war times were completely changed; and the Dental Officer made to plainly understand that he must give the American Soldier his very best attention or forfeit his commission,

That the available number of Dental Officers listed in the Surgeon General's Office, in Washington, was always sufficient to amply meet the ever increasing

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needs both in this country and in Europe; even when the extra quota of one Dental Officer to each five hundred men (secured by Col. Logan, with great difficulty), was allowed by the War College. (Here I may state, that assignments according to the new ruling of the War College, were made in this country; and if the forces sent to Europe did not get the proper number of Dental Officers to which they were entitled, that the fault does not lie with Col. Logan; for I know, personally, that he made every effort possible to that end).

What a tremendous amount of work! What a comparatively short time in which to do it!

All of this is the work of Col. Logan. All of this you may know. But what probably you do not know, is that all that he did was done under unusual and unnecessary difficulties, edged in by embarrassing circumstances; combatting the while unjust criticism and unreasonable prejudices, both within and without the service.

More than indulgent, more even than tolerant, he endured at times an oppressive *entourage* that he could easily have dismissed. But, no, he showed a kindness of heart and forbearance, that after all, it is not strange to find in one who really does great things.

When one does good for good's sake, he seeks neither praise nor reward; but he is sure to get both in the end. This truth is made manifest this evening in an obvious manner by this great reception tendered you, Col. Logan, by those

who know you the best and love you the most. It is their way of giving expression to their feelings of praise and satisfaction for the great work that you have so ably accomplished. Knowing the zeal, love, devotion and enthusiasm that you have always shown for the profession of your choice, I know that you are deeply conscious of a rich reward in the great good that has developed thru the opportunity given you to make the necessary sacrifice (for sacrifice I know it to have been), to exercise your able efforts in serving your country and your profession.

In the name of American Dentistry, I compliment you for what you have done so well and assure you of our keen appreciation and of our sincere gratitude.

Toastmaster Grisamore:

We will now be favored with a special duet by Doctors Johnson and King.

These men have known our guest of honor ever since the time when he was putting forth just as much effort to be the best and most influential student in his class as he has put forth the past two years, to render the best possible service to our country and our profession.

I predict the Chicago Dental Society will give another complimentary dinner in the near future, to a man not quite so young as the one for whom we have met to honor tonight.

The man to whom I refer is the next speaker Dr. C. N. Johnson.

TEACHER AND PRACTITIONER.

By C. N. Johnson, M. A., L. D. S., D. D. S., Chicago, Ill.

(Toast given at the Banquet tendered Col. W. H. G. Logan, April 29th, 1919, Chicago, Ill., by Chicago Dental Society.)

Mr. Toastmaster, Col. Logan and Friends:

The subject assigned to me on the toast-list this evening is not the one given me by the Toastmaster and I am reluctantly forced to the conviction that

this Toastmaster of ours is a Czar. I have even gone far enough in my friendship for him to be thankful that he was not living in Russia where they are said to do certain inconvenient things to Czars.