

PREPAREDNESS LEAGUE OF AMERICAN DENTISTS.

Expansion of the League.

Our League has made a permanent place for itself. It has proven its usefulness to the dental profession and its necessity to the welfare of humanity. Its field of operation reaches wherever organized dentistry exists, and its public service may be felt to the extreme limits of civilization. Such is a brief outline of the field of our future endeavors.

In expanding the activities of the League, we desire, however, to lay down the following unvarying rules and principles that any misconception of our aims may not occur:

1. The principle of the League is Service to Humanity.
2. Politics or promotion of personal interests shall not be tolerated.
3. It is essentially an organization for public health service.
4. Its activities shall not conflict with other dental organizations in any way.
5. Its object shall be the co-ordination of all professional and public agencies which may thereby render better service for the common welfare of humanity.
6. No officer or member of the League shall receive pay for services unless of such character as to be justifiable, but not without proper action by a quorum.

These principles must be strictly adhered to or the organization cannot live.

At a meeting of more than one hundred dentists at the Royal College of Dental Surgery, Toronto, Ontario, on December 19, 1918, a resolution was unanimously adopted for the appointment of a committee of Canadian and American dentists to meet in Buffalo, January 11, 1919, to formulate plans for an international organization, using the League plan as a basis of procedure. Our members will be informed of the results as early as possible and final action will not

be taken without the approval of those interested.

The wonderful power for good of such an organization cannot be estimated. It must be truly democratic and ever ready to extend a helping hand wherever our rightful province may reach. It is impossible to outline the possibilities in a few words, but I refer you to the editorial by Dr. Kirk in the December Dental Cosmos; also that by Dr. Ottolengui in the December Dental Items of Interest.

The great opportunity for the dental profession is at hand, and a magnificent work is before us. We will accept the responsibility, with the Golden Rule as our guide, and endeavor to prove faithful to the trust. Big things are before the American public today. We must rise to the occasion and think big, act big and DO big. It is up to us to see that our profession keeps pace with the leaders.

Instruction in Post-Bellum Oral Surgery and Prosthesis.

The course of instruction given at the Royal College of Dental Surgery at Toronto in December last, was the first one given in conjunction with the League and without doubt it proved to be the best course given thus far.

The splendid faculty was composed of Lieutenant-Colonel Guy Hume and Major E. W. Cummer, representing Canada, and Arthur E. Smith, D. D. S., M. D., of Chicago, and Leroy S. Miner, M. D., D. M. D., Boston, representing the United States. This arrangement gave the meeting international significance and did much toward bringing about better relations of the profession on both sides of the border.

The Military was largely represented in the class numbering one hundred and four. Colonel Clayton, Dental Surgeon-General of Canada; Colonel W. H. Thompson, Commandant for Ontario, and several other provincial commanders were present, together with Deans Thornton of McGill University, Dubeau

of Duval and Webster of the Royal College. From the States came State Director Hallenberg, North Dakota; State Director McIntyre, Rhode Island, two League members from Nashville, Tenn., and many others scattered about the border States. Director General Tracy as well as President Beach also were present to aid in making the gathering a great success. Great credit is due Dr. Wallace Seccombe for his efforts in making necessary arrangements. The course stands in a class by itself and has set a standard for the League to strive to maintain.

The League wishes it distinctly understood that this is not a post-graduate course. It is to be known as a course of instruction in post-war oral surgery and prosthesis, to which it will be strictly confined. Bearing this fact in mind, one week of instruction is ample to cover the field, except in special cases.

The course to be given in New York early in February will essentially have the same faculty. It was difficult to secure Colonel Hume and Major Cummer, but this has been brought about thru the courtesy of Colonel Clayton and Colonel Thompson. We are deeply indebted to these gentlemen for their sympathetic cooperation in this splendid work.

The League hopes to pursue this object until the States and Canada have been well covered and our members are prepared to render efficient service to our injured soldiers. The fee of \$50 is divided equally among the instructors, after necessary expenses have been met, the League or the collaborating institution receiving nothing whatever.

If you are not a member of the League—join now—we need you and you need us.

J. W. BEACH, President.

DENTAL CORPS ORDERS FROM WAR DEPARTMENT.

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Maj. Guy P. Bannister to Washington for duty in office of attending surgeon.

Maj. George R. Tressel to Fort Slocum, N. Y., for duty.

Maj. Don G. Moore to Columbus Barracks, Ohio, for duty.

Majs. Harry B. Butler, Joseph D. Eby and Albert J. T. Beatty to Walter Reed General Hospital, D. C., for duty.

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Maj. Albert Mehrer to Camp Dix, N. J., for duty.

Appointment Aug. 13, 1918, of 1st Lieut. John H. Frederick to captain in dental corps during existing emergency announced.

Lieut. Col. Julian R. Bernheim, to San Francisco, Letterman General Hospital, for duty.

