

At the conclusion of the report, Dr. Sleyster moved its adoption, which was seconded by Dr. J. W. Bell, Minnesota, and carried.

Report of Reference Committee on Rules and Order of Business

Dr. S. W. Welch, Alabama, Chairman, presented the report of the Reference Committee on Rules and Order of Business, which was discussed, amended and adopted in the following form:

RULES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

1. Credentials shall be of two parts. The first part shall be sent to the office of the Secretary of the American Medical Association by the secretary of the constituent association, not later than seven days prior to the first day of the first meeting of the House of Delegates, and shall be a list of delegates and alternates for that association. The constituent associations shall designate an alternate for each delegate, who may take the pledge of the delegate when authorized to do so by said delegate in writing. In the absence of such authority, any alternate who has been duly chosen by the constituent association may be seated in place of any delegate who is unable to attend, provided he presents proper official authority from said association. A certificate signed by the President or Secretary of the constituent association shall be deemed legal authority.

4. No alternate may be seated unless his credentials meet the same requirements as designated for the delegate and he can show written evidence that he is empowered by his delegate to act for him, except as provided for in Section 1 as amended. (35)

Suggestion for Creation of New Committee

The Secretary presented the following communication from Dr. J. O. DeCourcy, Illinois, which was referred to the Board of Trustees:

I would suggest that a committee be created whose duty it shall be to make special and careful inquiry as to the real value and practical utility to members of the Association and to their clientele, and to the Public Health Service, of all electrical instruments, lung motors, body braces, prepared foods, and any and all other articles and appliances that are now, or may hereafter be advertised in THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION from time to time. Let this, too, include all medical and therapeutic books that may be advertised in THE JOURNAL. I feel that there is a growing and present need in the Association for the work and sanction of such a committee.

This committee should, I think, be made permanent, and authorized to report to the Association at the annual meetings, and at stated times through THE JOURNAL, as conditions of growth along this line and necessity may require.

The work of such a scientific committee, say, of three members, would be a protection not only to the membership but to the public at large.

Resolution of National Dental Association

The Secretary presented the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously by the House of Delegates of the National Dental Association at its meeting held in Boston in 1920, which were referred to the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals:

Resolved, That in the standardization of hospitals the personnel of the staff should include a competent dentist whose duties should include consultation with the attending physician and aid in diagnosis by locating the source of focal infection in the mouth; and be it

Resolved, That such dental member of the hospital staff should insist on thorough use of the roentgen ray for locating diseased teeth and pyorrhea pockets, and that he should be trained in the correct interpretation of dental roentgenograms and that the interpretation of such roentgenograms be made preferably by the dental member of the staff; and that such dental member should supervise the instruction to nurses in the preparation of patients' mouths for operations and in the general oral hygiene for patients; and that he take care of any dental operations; and that a dental engine and other necessary instruments and apparatus for emergency operations of all kinds be provided. Be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that the suggestions made and the policy outlined in these preambles and resolutions be adopted as the future policy of the Association; and that it be earnestly requested that hospital staffs be so constituted that the fullest cooperation may be had between the physicians and dentists in the diagnosis and treatment of cases.

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Report of Reference Committee on Reports of Officers

Dr. Frederic E. Sondern, New York, Chairman, presented the report of the Reference Committee on Reports of Officers, as follows:

Your committee has considered in detail the suggestions and recommendations contained in the communications from the various officers of the Association, and desires to report as follows:

ADDRESS OF DR. DWIGHT H. MURRAY, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

1. In brief, Dr. Murray recommends the establishment of means of communication between the medical profession and the general public concerning matters of medical interest, to promote a better understanding of the aims of the profession in the prevention and cure of disease, in the danger of irregular practitioners, and of ill-conceived medical laws. He proposes that this work shall be done, if possible, in conjunction with the U. S. Public Health Service, and with the public press; this, however, not to replace the formally suggested journal, the plans for which are still in the hands of the Board of Trustees. The President-Elect makes essentially the same plea in his address.

Your committee desires to express its approval of the proposed plan, with the belief that the expected results can be accomplished. It is also in favor of the cooperation with the U. S. Public Health Service in the publicity of matters which that body can advocate. As the U. S. Public Health Service is unable, and many of the newspapers are unwilling, to exploit subjects of controversy, such as certain proposed legislation, sectarianism in medicine and similar matters, we need for this purpose a public health journal of such attractiveness and merit that it will be salable to the public and able to hold its own on bookstands in competition with other educational periodicals. (1)

[After reading the first section of the report, it was moved, seconded and carried that this section be referred to the Board of Trustees with the commendation of the House of Delegates.]

2. The suggestion that the delegates render a written report to the associations they represent, and their component bodies, is also endorsed in the belief that all possible means should be employed to harmonize the activities and create a better understanding between the constituent and component bodies of the national organization. (2)

3. The recommendation that the standard section of the penal law relative to untrue and misleading advertisements now operative in twenty-three states should be urged for enactment in all other states is also approved, with the suggestion that the state associations concerned should be informed of this action by the proper official of this Association. (2)

ADDRESS OF SURGEON-GENERAL BRAISTED, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

4. Your committee begs leave to commend the retiring President on his dignified and successful administration, characterized throughout by uniform harmony and good will. We congratulate him on the achievement of the Gorgas Memorial, a fitting honor to our illustrious ex-president. We believe we are able to assure him of his anticipated support by the members of the American Medical Association in his endeavor. (3)

5. While his advocacy of the contemplated Department of Public Welfare had due consideration and the full sympathy of your committee, the specific report on this measure is the concern of the Reference Committee on Legislation and Political Action. (3)

6. Relative to the closer association of the practice of medicine and pharmacy, and the proposed efforts to enhance the dignity of the latter calling, your committee is of the belief that this is a most important endeavor; that every effort should be made to develop pharmacy as a profession in contradistinction to the druggist, and recommends that this problem should be referred through the Board of Trustees to the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry for study and suggested action. (3)

7. President Braisted's report on his thorough inspection of the activities in the home office of the Association is noteworthy, and his sincere praise of all concerned in that efficient management must be a satisfaction to all members of the Association. (3)