

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1927

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS,

State House, Boston, December 7, 1927.

TO WILLIAM F. CRAIG, *Director of Registration:*

SIR:—In compliance with statutory requirements, the Board of Dental Examiners has the honor of submitting to you its forty-first annual report for the year ending November 30, 1927.

MEMBERS OF BOARD.

The members of the Board are Dr. Ralph P. Cunningham, Chairman, Springfield (1931), Dr. W. Henry Grant, Secretary, Boston (1929), Dr. Joseph N. Carriere, Fitchburg (1928), Dr. George A. Thatcher, Brockton (1932), Dr. Charles E. B. Chase, Framingham (1931).

REAPPOINTMENTS.

The term of Dr. George A. Thatcher of Brockton expired in April, 1927. He was renominated by His Excellency Governor Alvan T. Fuller, on April 27, 1927 to serve another term, confirmed by the Council on May 4, 1927, and qualified and took his oath of office on May 4, 1927.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Board was held in the State House, Boston, on December 8, 1926. Dr. Ralph P. Cunningham was elected Chairman, and Dr. W. Henry Grant, Secretary of the Board for the ensuing year.

The annual report of the Board was submitted by the Chairman, approved by the Board and the Secretary instructed to draw up six copies of same as per request of the Director of the Department.

ANNUAL REGISTRATION.

The Bill requiring annual registration of all practising dentists in the Commonwealth was passed during the last session of the Legislature and becomes law on April 1, 1928. This law has been advocated by the Board of Dental Examiners for a number of years and its final passage is indicative of the desire of this Commonwealth to still further protect its legal practitioners of Dentistry. The Board feels assured that under this act the duties of registration, which protects the public and the lawful practitioner against those practising without a license, will be accepted by the profession as the only way to eliminate the incompetent and unregistered so-called dentists.

DATES OF, AND PLACES WHERE EXAMINATIONS WERE HELD.

The Board has held three examinations of candidates for registration in dentistry, and three examinations of candidates for registration as Dental Hygienists. These examinations were held during the months of March, June, and October, at Harvard and Tufts Dental Schools, and the Forsyth Dental Infirmary to which institutions grateful acknowledgment is due for helpful co-operation.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation of the courtesy and co-operation received from the Attorney General's office and the Department of Public Safety.

NATIONAL MEETING.

Dr. Charles E. B. Chase was elected by the Board to represent it at the Annual Meeting of the National Board of Dental Examiners held in Detroit in September. Much information valuable to the State and Board is obtained through the attendance of representatives of our Board at these meetings. A full report of the transactions of this meeting was read by Dr. Charles E. B. Chase at the November meeting of the Board.

EXAMINATION FOR REGISTRATION IN DENTISTRY.

	March	June	October
Passed ..	6	80	11
Rejected ..	3	7	3
Did not appear for examination	2		
Total	<u>11</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>14</u>

Total number of applications received	112
Number examined	110
Number passed	97
Number rejected	13
Did not appear	2

* EXAMINATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS DENTAL HYGIENISTS.

	March	June	October
Passed	12	19	34
Rejected	2	1	8
Did not appear for examination			1
Total	<u>14</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>43</u>

Total number applications received	77
Number examined	76
Number passed	65
Number rejected	11
Did not appear for examination	1
Interne Registration Certificates issued	44
Duplicate Certificates issued	2
Certified Statements issued	24

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Revenue: Fees received from applicants and paid into Treasury of the Commonwealth, Nov. 30, 1927	\$3,434.00
Expenses: Salaries of Board Members	\$3,800.00
Travel	617.42
Office expenditures	1,116.27

RALPH P. CUNNINGHAM, D.M.D.,
Chairman.

W. HENRY GRANT, D.M.D.,
Secretary.