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BOARD OF REGISTRATION

IN MEDICINE

for the

Year ending June 30, 1943

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

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BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

State House, June 30, 1943

To Mrs. Hazel G. Oliver, Director of Registration.

Madam: The Board of Registration in Medicine respectfully submits its annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1943

Expenditures.

Salaries of Members of the Board	\$3,578.25	h
General Expenses of the Department	479.28	h
Accounts Payable 1943	110.38	h
Traveling Expenses	217.32	h
	<u>\$4,385.81</u>	h
	86.55	
	93.53	

Receipts.

307 Examination fees @ \$25.00.	\$7,675.00	h
255 Interns fees @ \$5.00	1,260.00	h
255 Student fees @ \$1.00	255.00	h
153 Re-examination fees @ \$3.00	459.00	h
Fees for certified statements	133.00	h
Miscellaneous32	h
	<u>\$9,782.32</u>	h

*This does not include salaries for clerical assistants, which do not appear in the budget of the Board, but which do appear in the budget of the Director.

THE PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL ITEMS OF THIS REPORT ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPTROLLER'S BOOKS.

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Since the establishment of the Board in 1894, the fees received from applicants for registrations and certified statements and interest on deposits, and paid into the Treasury of the Commonwealth, amount to \$466,474.06. The expenditures of the Board amount to \$334,546.41*. In dollars and cents, therefore, the Commonwealth has received \$131,927.65 in excess of the total amount expended.

The number of persons applying for registration during the fiscal year of 1943 is 239. The total number of persons registered during this year is 131. Of these, 47 have been registered by virtue of their National Board certification; 91 applicants were examined for the first time; 16 re-examination applicants filed new applications; and 36 who were accepted did not appear. Registrations have been granted to 255 internes and 255 students.

*This does not include salaries for clerical assistants, which do not appear in the budget, but which appear in the budget of the Director of the Division of Registration.

TABLE I

<u>Applicants</u>	<u>Examined</u>	<u>Registered</u>	<u>Rejected</u>	<u>Per Cent Rejected</u>
December 8, 1942	1	1	0	0
January 27, 1943	1	1	0	0
February 16, 1943	1	1	0	0
March 1943	192	84	108	56
March 26, 1943	1	1	0	0
	<u>196</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>108</u>	

The following table shows the number of diplomates of the National Board of Medical Examiners, and the schools from which they were graduated, who were granted registration during the fiscal year of 1943:

TABLE II

<u>School of Graduation</u>	<u>Number Registered</u>
Boston University School of Medicine	5
Harvard Medical School	7
Tufts College Medical School	17
American University at Beirut	1
College of Medical Evangelists	1
Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons .	1
Georgetown University	1
Johns Hopkins University	1
Long Island College of Medicine	1
McGill University	1
New York Medical School	1
New York University	1
Rush Medical School	1
University of Bern	1
University of Buffalo	1
University of Vermont	2
University of Washington	1
Woman's Medical College	1
Yale University	2
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A description of the practice of medicine in Massachusetts must of necessity be the story of the World War and its effect upon the doctors, the hospitals, and the schools.

Unlike many sections of the country, Massachusetts has been fortunate at this time in having no really acute shortage of physicians. At the request of the War Man Power Commission, we were asked to make it possible to register doctors outside the

Commonwealth who might be needed to work here in case of necessity. No such need was discovered, and no legislation was enacted.

Massachusetts has had an overabundance of doctors, and especially so in the larger centres. This fact combined with the excellent work of the Procurement and Assignment Committees in making sure that essential doctors were saved for civilian work, has made it possible to carry on medical practice without lack of the essentials of medical care for our citizens.

Due to the fact that the Armed Forces wanted and got the very best men in practice and in teaching, hospitals and school teaching staffs have been hit the hardest by the war. All hospitals are understaffed and many have been able to carry on because older men, already thought to be through with routine staff work, have volunteered to return.

Internships have been cut to nine months, making the already acute shortage of internes even more serious. Many hospitals have no internes, and depend on the voluntary assistance of practicing physicians, paid residents who are not eligible for war service, and refugees who are not full citizens.

In addition to the shortage of doctors to work in our hospitals, there has been the added burden of more and more patients. This fact is very likely due to greater incomes of our citizens and the effects of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield on hospital admissions.

We still have the problem of the inferior doctor and the sub-standard hospital in this State. However, the Approving Authority for Colleges and Medical Schools and the Hospital Licensing Commission, under the Department of Public Health, will eventually have their effect in changing these two conditions for the better.

In these trying times, the Board of Registration in Medicine is doing everything in its power to see to it that standards are maintained; that the improper doctor is not allowed to practice; that essential legislation for the protection of the public and the elevation of standards is fostered; and that improper legislation is fought.

During the Legislative Session of 1943, the Board introduced three bills: (1) the inspection of medical schools from time to time by the Approving Authority and withdrawal of their approval if the requirements are not met; (2) limiting the number of times a candidate may be examined by the Board; (3) the scope of examinations by the Board. All of these bills were given leave to withdraw.

The Board has been in actual session five days; has conducted ten hearings; revoked one certificate of registration; suspended two; and restored one. One hearing was continued but was disposed of at a later date. Three petitions for restoration of revoked registrations were denied.

The Board has conducted one examination consisting of three and one-half days during this period; and four special examinations.

The Secretary has had conferences with many physicians relative to whom complaints were made in order to ascertain if Board Hearings were necessary. In that manner, the time of the members has been saved and financial economy for the State has been effected.

Francis R. Mahony, M.D., Chairman of the Board, died on May 17, 1943.

There were no appointments made to the Board during this period.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Quimby Gallupe, M.D., Acting Chairman
H. Quimby Gallupe, M.D., Secretary
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