

SIR WALTER HOEEL, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, DECEMBER 2, 1933.

REGULAR MID-WINTER MEETING OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, BEN. J. LAWRENCE, SECRETARY

All the members were present, viz: Dr. Wm. H. Smith, President, Dr. K. G. Averitt, Dr. F. Webb Griffith, Dr. Hamilton W. McKay, Dr. Ben F. Royal, Dr. James W. Vernon, and Dr. Ben. J. Lawrence, Secretary.

The minutes of the Asheville meeting were read and approved. The Secretary reported a letter from Solicitor Queen, regarding the Sam Mason case in Murphy, N. C. There was a motion by Dr. Griffith and seconded by Dr. McKay that Dr. J. N. Hill at Murphy ask the resident Judge, Frank Hill for his assistance in having the Bondsmen meet their bond or produce Sam Mason. The Secretary reported a letter of complaint from Doctors Howell and Patterson regarding one Dr. J. H. Crawford who holds a limited license to practice medicine in Beaver Dam Township, Cherokee County. Upon investigation we find that Dr. J. H. Crawford was granted a limited license on July 16th, 1922. After discussing the matter the Board felt that perhaps no action should be taken unless further complaint was made.

It was decided to continue action on the Bobbie Roberts case since Solicitor Zeb Nettles seemed reluctant to prosecute him on the grounds that Bobbie lives fifteen miles beyond the highway in a mountain cove and thus far the Doctors who made the complaint have been unwilling to furnish the Board with the necessary evidence.

At this point the Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the matter of Dr. J. D. Hemmingway of Gastonia who was found guilty of violating the Harrison Narcotic law and sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment. After further discussion there was a motion made by Dr. Averitt and seconded by Dr. Griffith that Dr. Hamilton W. McKay look into this case and report his findings at the June meeting. The motion was carried.

The Secretary then asked the Board to release the Bondsman of Dr. MacConnell. Dr. Royal made a motion that this be done and it was seconded by Dr. McKay. Whereupon Dr. Smith signed the release.

10:00 A. M. At this point Dr. McKay made a motion that we adjourn before beginning consideration of the candidates. This motion was seconded by Dr. Royal and the Board adjourned.

There was an informal discussion of the complaint which has arisen regarding certain advertisements of the Duke Hospital. It was suggested by the President Dr. Wm. H. Smith, that the Secretary, Dr. Ben. J. Lawrence write Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Secretary of the State Medical Society and ask him to call this to the attention of his Executive Committee. After further discussion it was decided to instruct the Secretary to follow the motion of Dr. McKay, that the Board of Examiners write Dr. Wilburt C. Davidson, Dean of Duke Medical School, a letter and set forth their views on the subject in the following manner. "First, that the North Carolina State Board of Medical Examiners feel that the Advertising Campaign of the Duke Hospital is a mistaken Policy and that they do not look with favor upon such Advertisements. Second, that the North Carolina State Board of Medical Examiners have taken cognizance of the Advertising Campaign of the Duke Hospital. Third, they feel that such an Advertising Campaign is a mistaken Policy. Fourth, that the Board of Examiners does not look on such a Campaign with favor". Further, that this letter be signed by the President and the Secretary as an Official act of the Board.

10:30 A. M. At this point the Board was called to order by the President and the examination of candidates began. The following twenty three candidates were granted license by endorsement of their credentials:

Dr. Richard W. Stelling  
Dr. Bob Lewis Field  
Dr. Henry Harrison Briggs  
Dr. Samuel Brown McPheeters  
Dr. Joseph Allen Eason

Dr. George Martin Leiby  
Dr. George Thomas Alexander  
Dr. Forrest Edgar Bliss  
Dr. Jean Davison Craven,  
Dr. Madge Baker Gaskin



Dr. Hatcher Day (col)  
 Dr. Milton Eurns Clayton  
 Dr. Jackson Franklin Woods,  
 Dr. William Rankin Summers  
 Dr. Walter Royle Johnson  
 Dr. Raymond S. Crispell  
 Dr. Mercer Huckabee Bailey.

Dr. Saul Leighton Avner,  
 Dr. Herbert Wilcox Knight  
 Dr. Charles Solms  
 Dr. Charles Edgar Ballard,  
 Dr. William McClerry Junkin  
 Dr. Robert Burke Suitt

The Secretary called the attention of the Board to a request from Dr. McKay referring to the time of our mid-summer meeting. After a short discussion Dr. McKay suggested that perhaps his meeting which had previously conflicted with our meeting would not conflict again because it had been moved up to May, whereupon there was a motion by Dr. Royal and seconded by Dr. McKay that the time of our June meeting be left to the discretion of the President and the Secretary. This motion was carried.

After the examination of the candidates the Board had lunch and had as their guest, Dr. L. E. McBrayer, Secretary of the State Medical Society.

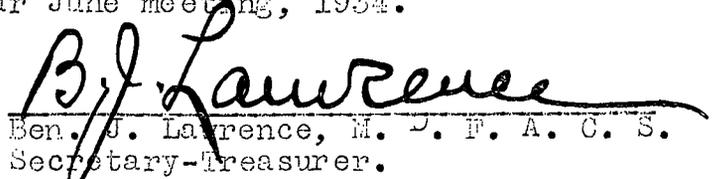
At this point the Secretary furnished a synopsis of the financial status of the Board. The amount in the Wachovia Bank & Trust Company, Raleigh, North Carolina on November 27th, 1933 was \$1184.03.

There were twenty three candidates licensed and \$1100.00 was collected in fees. Dr. William Junkin of Murphy, N. C. promised to send his \$50.00 promptly (which he did) therefore the entire amount in fees collected was \$1150.00.

At this point it was decided that the President, Dr. Wm. H. Smith and the Secretary, Dr. Ben. J. Lawrence, make the annual trip to Chicago to attend the regular meeting of the "Federation of State Medical Board of the United States".

There being no further business the Board adjourned to meet at the call of the President at the regular June meeting, 1934.

Signed

  
 Ben. J. Lawrence, M. D. F. A. C. S.  
 Secretary-Treasurer.



