

SPECIAL MEETING

BATTERY PARK HOTEL, ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, MAY 5, 1936. 11:00 A. M.  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Special meeting called by order of Acting President, Dr. Ben F. Royal at the request of Dr. William H. Smith and concurred in by each member of the State Board, except Dr. Webb Griffith who was not present, for consideration of special matters. Present: Drs. Ben Royal, Acting President, William H. Smith, Hamilton W. McKay, Roscoe McMillan, James W. Vernon, and Ben. J. Lawrence, Secretary.

As it was a special meeting the minutes were not read. The Secretary asked Dr. Smith to present any matters occupying his attention. He presented the matter dealing with Dr. H. M. Person in Goldsboro or in Wayne County. This case is dealing with the ever present question of criminal abortion. It seems that Dr. Person has been indicted in connection with such a case. After much discussion by various members of the Board, it appeared to be the unanimous opinion of the Board that until the matter is heard in Court, the Board should take no action in the matter. Opinion prevailed.

There was a motion by Dr. McKay which was carried unanimously to the effect, "It is the sense of the Board that we do not participate in the prosecution of Dr. H. M. Person under the present indictment".

The Secretary then presented in minute detail matters pertaining to one George R. Clay case in Beaufort County, in which Clay is indicted for manslaughter and for practicing medicine without a license. After the matter had been presented and discussed by each member of the Board, there was a motion by Dr. Lawrence, which was seconded by Dr. McMillan, to the effect that, "We do participate in the prosecution of the case against Clay and that the Secretary is hereby authorized to pay \$200.00 attorney's fee and such sum as is necessary, together with necessary expenses." Motion was carried unanimously.

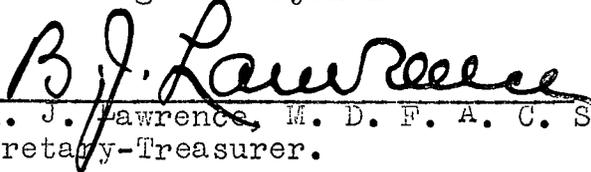
The Secretary then presented the matter which had been called to his attention by Dr. Holmes of Fairmont, N. C. in which he made the accusation that a young Dr. Davis was practicing without his license at Fairmont. The Secretary explained in detail the status of Dr. Davis's case and made a motion to the effect that, "Since there appeared to be nothing wrong with the Davis situation that the matter be dispensed with for the time being. This motion was carried unanimously.

At this point Dr. James Vernon presented the case of Dr. Walter Lawrence McMann and stated that in his judgement Dr. McMann was a thorough gentleman and well qualified to practice medicine and surgery. Dr. McMann is a Canadian but he has resided in the State of Virginia twenty years or more. He consulted the Board about a year ago about obtaining reciprocity. At that time he visited the Secretary and at least one or more members of the Board and he made a fine impression on its members. He acted in a very gentlemanly and fine manner. After some discussion there was a motion "That the case of Dr. Walter Lawrence McMann be given special consideration and that he be given his license at the June meeting upon the proper filing of his application". The motion was carried, whereupon Dr. Vernon was instructed to or requested to communicate with Dr. McMann and request him to reapply to our Board and to reappear before our Board in Raleigh on June 15th.

The Secretary was instructed to pay per diem and hotel and traveling expenses and other necessary expenses to the various members attending the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Signed

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



