

RALEIGH, N. C. - SIR WALTER HOTEL - REGULAR MID-WINTER MEETING  
OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS,  
DECEMBER 3rd, 1934.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Ben Royal of Morehead City. All the members of the Board were present. Namely: Dr. Ben F. Royal Morehead City, Dr. K. G. Averitt of Fayetteville, Dr. F. Webb Griffith of Asheville, Dr. Hamilton W. McKay of Charlotte, Dr. William H. Smith of Goldsboro, Dr. James W. Vernon of Morganton, and Dr. Ben. J. Lawrence of Raleigh the Secretary.

The minutes of the Morehead City meeting were read and approved. There were quite a large number of applications on file, and the following doctors were granted their North Carolina license to practice medicine and surgery upon the endorsement of their credentials:

Dr. John William Griffis	Natural Bridge Station, Va.
Dr. Glenn B. Judd	Varina, N. C.
Dr. Richard Bevelry Raney	Durham, N. C.
Dr. James Colgate Rudd	Memphis, Tenn.
Dr. Badie Travis Clark	Rocky Mount, N. C.
Dr. James E. Diehl	Norfolk, Va.
Dr. Robert J. Walker	Tarboro, N. C.
Dr. Adrain Moore Sample	Hamptonville, N. C.
Dr. Isadore Henry Agos	Miami, Fla.
Dr. Warren Edwin Miller	Atlanta, Ga.
Dr. Cleo Duval Stiles, Jr.	Washington, N. C.
Dr. Walter Galliber Miles	Greensboro, N. C.
Dr. Daniel C. Corriher (now dead)	Washington, D. C.
Dr. Roy S. Wynn, (c)	Goldsboro, N. C.
Dr. George H. Evans (c)	Greensboro, N. C.
Dr. Roy Charles Hairston (c)	Asheville, N. C.
Dr. John B. McLaughlin	Greensboro, N. C.
Dr. Franklin Stafford Wearn	Charlotte, N. C.
Dr. Edward Stewart Orgain	Durham, N. C.
Dr. Eleanor Davenport (f)	Kinston, N. C.

The application of Dr. C. D. Lucas was given consideration. He presented very good paper credentials. He was known personally to several members of the Board. The President called attention to the fact that there was a good deal of opposition to him among various doctors in the State, and that some members of the Board questioned the wisdom of granting him a license in this State. Dr. Smith made a motion that Dr. Lucas be granted a temporary license for one year. This motion was lost after discussion, on the ground that our Board does not grant any temporary or limited license. Dr. McKay then made a motion that Dr. Lucas be granted a license to practice medicine in North Carolina upon the strength of his credentials. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smith. After some discussion four members of the Board voted in the affirmative. Dr. Lucas was therefore granted a license to practice medicine in this State upon his Virginia credentials.

Dr. George B. Frey was granted a license upon his South Carolina credentials, upon the condition that he made good the payment of his \$50.00 check for the fee. The check was made good.

Dr. Stanley Irving Coleman of Rex Hospital, Raleigh, N. C. appeared before the Board, presenting his South Carolina Credentials, asking that his license be held up pending the completion of his credentials. The Board voted favorably upon the application of Dr. Coleman, provided his credentials were properly completed. Dr. Coleman has not completed his credentials and is not licensed in this State.

Dr. Robert J. Brown presented his credentials and asked for his license upon his National Board certificate. The Board instructed the Secretary to further investigate Dr. Brown and if his credentials were found to be satisfactory, it then conferred upon the Secretary the power to issue the same a license.

Dr. Thomas Watkins and Dr. William E. Mears both of Virginia appeared, but their credentials were incomplete and in each case, the Board instructed the Secretary to further investigate these gentlemen and instructed the two doctors to complete their credentials and then appear before the Secretary at his office in Raleigh, and when such an order was complete and the Secretary had reviewed their credentials and



if they were found to be complete the Board then conferred on him the power and the right to cast the vote of the Board favorably and then and there, at that time and place, to issue a license to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina to Dr. Thomas Watkins and Dr. William B. Mears, Jr. of Virginia. Dr. Richard J. Brown now of Raleigh, N. C. and Stanley I. Coleman of Raleigh, N. C. at the present time an intern at Rex Hospital, whenas, and if the above gentlemen, Drs. Frey, Brown, Mears, and Coleman complied with the above regulation, the Secretary will enter a supplementary note in the Official minutes. At this point there was a motion to adjourn for lunch with the understanding that the Board would re-convene at 2:00 P. M. The motion was carried unanimously.

2:00 P. M. - December 3rd, 1934 - Sir Walter Hotel - Raleigh, N. C. Meeting was called to order by the President.

Dr. J. H. Hudson of Pitt County appeared before the Board, his license had been revoked in 1929. Dr. Hudson asked that his license be reinstated. At the June meeting 1934, Dr. Hudson appeared before the Board and presented a petition signed by a large number of citizens of his community. It was crudely drawn and the Board requested Dr. Hudson to return to his native County and ask the endorsement of his County Medical Society and then to return if he so desired. At the request of Dr. Hudson, the Secretary presented to the Board a resolution passed by the Pitt County Medical Society dated the 21st day of September 1934 and signed by the Secretary Dr. W. M. E. Brown, which read in part as follows: "Moved that Dr. Hudson be recommended to the North Carolina State Board of Medical Examiners for re-instatement". It further brought to the attention of the Board, that Dr. Hudson had perhaps suffered sufficiently and that he was thoroughly sorry for his misdeeds and that at the present time he was living an upright life. Upon the strength of this belief and other information believed by the Board to be correct, there was a motion by Dr. McKay and seconded by Drs. Averitt and Smith to the effect, "That the Board of Medical Examiners do hereby reinstate and therefore license to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina Dr. J. H. Hudson of Pitt County, whose license was revoked according to the record by the Board of Examiners in 1929". This motion was carried unanimously.

At this point the Secretary called the attention of the Board to the matter of Dr. J. D. Hemmingway, which matter had gone over from the previous meeting. Dr. McKay was asked to present the matter to the Board. Dr. McKay had given a great deal of time and thought to the matter. He presented a very complete and comprehensive report to the effect that Dr. Hemmingway had suffered great humiliation and that he was thoroughly sorry and penitent for his misdeeds. Dr. Hemmingway was present and his attitude bore out the above statement. Dr. McKay presented letters from many leading citizens of Gaston County whole heartedly and unqualifiedly endorsing Dr. Hemmingway. In the petition signed by a majority of the doctors in Gaston County was a request from the Board of Censors of the Gaston County Medical Society requesting the Board of Medical Examiners not to revoke Dr. Hemmingway's license. And further, requesting that he be permitted to continue in the practice of medicine in Gaston County. After much deliberation and careful consideration of the data on file and careful examination of Dr. Hemmingway on three occasions, the Board was much impressed with his sincerity and his desire to live an upright life. Whereupon Dr. McKay presented his resolution under date of November 30th, 1934, a part of which reads as follows: "I recommend that the Board allow Dr. J. D. Hemmingway to practice medicine without reservation". Upon the strength of this recommendation and upon the strength of the evidence before the Board, both written and oral, the Board of Medical Examiners voted unanimously to accept Dr. McKay's recommendation, and ordered that we hereby dismiss the case of Dr. J. D. Hemmingway without further consideration. Dr. Hemmingway was present and he was deeply grateful and thanked the Board sincerely.

At this point Dr. Wm. H. Smith presented the case known to the Board of Examiners as No. 80, the same being the examination paper of Dr. Frank Church O'Neal of Henderson, N.C. Dr. Wm. H. Smith, the Examiner in Medicine detected the presence of two distinct handwritings when he read examination paper number 80 June 1934. His suspicion was reinforced by the opinion of a Banker friend. The paper was presented to the Secretary and the matter presented at the Morehead City meeting July 21st, 1934. The Board instructed the Secretary to have hand writing experts pass upon the paper. Two of these experts stated that in their opinion it was the writing of two different people, or that it was two different handwritings. The third expert stated that in his judgement it could have been written by the same individual. Dr. O'Neal was therefore summoned before



the Board to explain. He was asked to give a specimen of his hand writing. He did easily write two different hand writings and said he could write a third or fourth. He stated upon his honor that he had written all of the examination himself. He offered as evidence to support that statement several laboratory manuals written during his college days at the University of North Carolina. In addition, Dr. I. H. Manning the then dean of the U. N. C. Medical School called to see the Secretary personally about the matter, and both orally and in writing unqualifiedly recommended and endorsed young Dr. O'Neal. He stated that he had never known a finer and more honorable or scholarly gentleman than Dr. Frank Church O'Neal. He also wrote Dr. William H. Smith who gave the examination practically the same thing. After careful consideration of the entire matter Dr. Smith made a motion which was seconded by Dr. McKay that the Board give Dr. O'Neal the benefit of the doubt and give him a license to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina. Motion was carried unanimously. His license number is 43168.

At this point Dr. C. F. Harris was called before the Board upon a summons issued by the Secretary because of a report by Messrs. R. E. Little and Pruitt to the effect that Dr. Harris had broken faith with and his agreement made with the Board at its June meeting. In substance Messrs. Little and Pruitt reported to the Board in writing under date of September 27th, 1934, a part of which reads as follows: "Now that it is time to report, we regret to report that it is our impression that the doctor has been drinking and has been incapacitated on two or three occasions and on one occasion he became so violent that his wife asked the sheriff of this County to take charge of him for several days so that he could get sober, which the sheriff did". Upon the evidence in hand Dr. Smith made a motion seconded by Dr. Averitt to the effect that the license of Dr. C. F. Harris to practice medicine in North Carolina be revoked until June 1935. A vote was taken and three members voted for the motion and three against the motion. The President broke the tie against and the motion was lost. At this point Dr. McKay, seconded by Dr. Vernon made a motion that Dr. Harris be given another chance and that the Board have mercy and patience with him until the June meeting, 1935 at which time Dr. Harris is to be called before the Board to give an account of his stewardship and to show by proper affidavits that he has not been drunk during this period. The motion was carried and Dr. Harris then promised the Board on his honor and covenanted with the Board that he would comply with the above resolution.

The Secretary then made a motion that the matter of Dr. J. H. Kenfield be postponed indefinitely upon the grounds that he had been unable to secure a transcript of a court record against him, and that he had tried in Raleigh, Washington, and New Bern. The motion was carried.

The Secretary then reported that he had in his possession a transcript of the court record in the cases of Drs. J. A. Duguid (now dead) and J. W. Duguid of Craven County, and of William H. Harrell of Crewell, N. C. That each of them had been convicted and sentenced to the Federal Penitentiary and that it was his impression and information that the doctors Duguid were on their way to Levenworth at the present time. It was suggested by the President and it appeared to be the opinion of the Board that in consideration of the above information, their cases against the doctors Duguids should wait until the two doctor Duguids came back to this State. The Secretary reported that according to his belief Dr. Harrell was in a Sanatorium for a cure of the drug habit at the present time, perhaps in Asheville, N. C. It was suggested by the President that this man be summoned before the Board at its June meeting.

At this point the question of an increase per diem for the members was informally discussed. After consideration of the matter it was not considered that such a procedure would be wise nor for the best interest of the Board. Certainly, not at the present time, whereupon, the matter was dismissed. Upon the information furnished by the Secretary that the law provided, "A per diem for the Board which shall not exceed \$10.00 per day per member and Hotel expenses, railroad fares". The matter was dismissed. At this point Dr. F. Webb Griffith made a motion which was seconded by Dr. James W. Vernon that, "We do hereby authorize and approve all expenditures and disbursements of all description of the Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. Ben. J. Lawrence up to and including this meeting as valid and necessary for the function of the Board". The motion was carried unanimously.

At this point the question of the place of meetings was presented and after some discussion both pro and con as to the wisdom or lack of



wisdom of the present law which designates Raleigh, N. C. as the given place for the annual meeting to be held, there was a motion by Dr. Smith which was seconded by Dr. McKay, which motion was carried to the effect, "That the President and the Secretary request the Legislature to change the word "shall" in Section 8609 of the Practice Act to the word "may".

There being no further business the Board adjourned to meet at the call of the President and Secretary, or at its regular June meeting. 4:10 P. M. Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, N. C.

Signed

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

Supplementary Report:

Under and by the authority in the above Minutes the Secretary has reviewed the credentials of Dr. Richard J. Brown and find them to be satisfactory. He is hereby granted license number 46178 to practice medicine and surgery in the State of North Carolina.

Signed

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

Further Supplementary Report.

Under and by authority of the above mentioned minutes and whereas Dr. William E. Mears appeared before the Secretary on December 10th, 1934, the Said Secretary having reviewed his credentials and found them to be satisfactory, he was granted license number 46154 to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina.

Signed

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

SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS ---April 12, 1935.

Under and by authority vested in the Secretary by Special Resolution and whereas an Emergency has arisen at Vanceboro, N. C. on account of the sudden death of Dr. Potts, there is a great need for a physician at that place and whereas Dr. George Frédéric Salle having presented his credentials, and whereas they appear to be satisfactory, and whereas four members of the Board, Royal, Smith, Averitt and Lawrence having voted in the affirmative: I now therefore do cast the entire vote of the Board and hereby issue Dr. George Frédéric Salle license number 46179 to practice medicine and surgery in North Carolina. Done at Raleigh, N. C. April 12th, 1935 by order of the Board.

Signed

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





