## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina January 23rd, 1950.

The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina met at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, North Carolina, January 23rd, 1950, for consideration of licensure by endorsement of credentials and other business.

The board convened at 10 A. M. and the meeting was called to order by Dr. M. D. Bonner, President. Drs. Charles W. Armstrong, James B. Bullitt, R. B. McKnight, Paul G. Parker, M. A. Pittman, Ivan Procter, Secretary-Treasurer, and Mrs. Louise J. McNeill, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, were pre-

The agenda for the meeting was discussed and the members of the board studied the credentials of applicants for licensure by endorsement.

Applicants for licensure by endorsement of credentials were interviewed and 32 physicians were granted license as follows:

## NAME

Adams, Harley Stewart Andes, Thomas Eugene Andrews, J. Robert Brown, George Lance, Jr. Brumer, Herbert B. (Limited License) Cozart, Wiley Holt

Crutchfield, Andrew Jackson Dodrill, R. Moore, Jr. Ducker, Stuart Reiley, Jr. Dunning, Everette Jackson Frain, Marie Massicot Ginn, Stephen Arnold Gradis, Howard Henry Hall, William Hugh Hardin, Eugene Darius Hayes, Elizabeth Omega Hoskins, John Robinson III Jordan, John Alfred, Jr. Link, Melvin Robert Logan, Frank Hicks Maybin, Richard Madden Mitchell, William Euestice McDonald, James Jackson Rawlins, Albert George Rudolph, Myron Parkhill

Simpson. Thomas William Smith, Elmer Roger Taylor, Edmund Rhett Tyor, Malcolm Paul Wilde, Norbert John Wilson, William Preston Yonge, Henry Matthew

## MEDICAL SCHOOL

Western Reserve Univ. Temple University Western Reserve Univ. Temple University (Hahnemann Med. Coll, (Chicago Medical College Va. Univ. Virginia Univ. Cincinnati Duke University University Penn Univ. Georgia Duke University Western Reserve Univ. Medical Coll. S. C. Tulane University Temple University Jefferson University Jefferson University Univ. Louisiana Johns Hopkins Univ. Med. Coll. S. C. Univ. Tennessee Emory University Howard University Hahnemann Med. Coll. Philadelphia Johns Hopkins Univ. Ohio State Univ. Johns Hopkins Univ. DukeUniversity Univ. Illinois Duke University Tulane University

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The Minutes of the October 17th, 1949 meeting of the board were approved as corrected.

- RE: Dr. Joseph D. Karras Dr. Karras, graduate of Middlesex University, a grade B medical school as classified by the American Medical Association, appeared and asked that he be considered for medical licensure. He stated that he had received training at Highsmith Hospital, Fayetteville, and wished to locate for general practice in the vicinity of that city. Dr. Karras said that he had practiced in Brookline, Massachusetts, since 1946.
- Dr. Ivan Procter moved that license be declined Dr. Karras as he does not meet the requirements of the Board of Medical Examiners, namely: graduation from approved medical school. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.
- RE: Dr. Herbert B. Brumer, who is employed at the State Hospital at Raleigh, appeared and requested license by endorsement of credentials from the State/Towa. Dr. Brumer graduated from Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago in 1919, which school was classified as grade B at that time by the American Medical Association. Dr. Brumer's credentials were in order and he presented satisfactory letters of recommendation from officials of the State Hospital. He stated that he had been in general practice for 25 years at Clinton, Iowa; that he became interested in psychiatry about five years ago and took postgraduate work at the University of Wisconsin for six months. He said that he did not intend to do general practice, but planned to stay at the State Hospital; that he desired to be affiliated with the medical association as this had always been his privilege.
- Dr. M. A. Pittman moved that Dr. Herbert B. Brumer be granted limited license to practice medicine in the State Mental Institutions under the supervision of Dr. David A. Young, General Superintendent North Carolina Hospitals Board of Control. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.
- RE: Dr. William Larkin Norville was granted permission to appear before the Board of Medical Examiners pending completion of his credentials, in order to expedite the issuance of his medical license.
- Dr. Charles W. Armstrong moved that Dr. William Larkin Norville be granted license to practice medicine when and if his credentials were completed satisfactorily to the secretary, Dr. Ivan Procter. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.
- RE: Dr. Myron Parkhill Rudolph was granted permission to appear before the Board of Medical Examiners pending completion of his credentials, in order to expedite the issuance of his medical license.
- RE: <u>Dr. Elmer Roger Smith</u> was granted permission to appear before the Board of Medical Examiners, pending completion of his credentials, in order to expedite the issuance of his medical license.
- Dr. Myron Parkhill Rudolph and Dr. M. A. Pittman moved that/Dr. Elmer Roger Smith be granted license to practice medicine when and if heir credentials were completed satisfactorily to the secretary, Dr. Ivan Procter. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.
- RE: Dr. B. O. Choate The following is letter from the Attorney General with reference to the right to revoke a medical license when a new trial has been granted by the Supreme Court and said trial appears to be pending for an indefinite time:
- "Under the Statute, G. S. 90-14, the State Board has the power to revoke or rescind a license after due notice and hearing if it finds a physician licensed by it has been guilty of grossly immoral conduct or producing or attempting to produce criminal abortion and for other causes set out in this Statute. This abtion can be taken independent of any conviction of a physician for performing a criminal abortion. The Statute, however, provides that the license of a physician may be revoked if such physician has been convicted in any court, State or Federal, of any felony or other criminal offense involving moral turpitude.

, · · •  "Your Board could not act upon that part of the Statute just mentioned until the conviction has become final. The fact that Dr. Choate has obtained a new trial leaves this part of the Statute inapplicable to him unless and until he is again convicted and this becomes a final judgment. As stated, however, the Board of Medical Examiners have a right to proceed after notice and take such action as may be found appropriate independent of a conviction in the criminal case. I can furnish you with a copy of the record of the evidence taken in the case in which he was convicted which could be used for the purpose of obtaining the testimony of witnesses who have knowledge of the facts."

No action was taken in regard to revocation of Dr. B. O. Choate's medical license.

The following letter under date of October 17th, 1949 from Dr. James M. Northington was presented to the board:

"I venture to call your attention to the enclosed letter in the hope of having action taken by your board in consonance with the message herein conveyed. It seems to me that an ancient university such as that at Riga must provide education of the first order and that such education is what is desired on the part of doctors desirous of ministering to the health needs of the people of the state. I hope you will let me know at your earliest convenience what the decision of your board is in this matter."

Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that letter from Dr. Northington be accepted as information. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The petition from the Idaho Board of Medical Examiners to establish reciprocal relations with the State of North Carolina was presented to the board.

Dr. Paul G. Parker moved that the president familiarize himself with the Idaho Medical Practice Act and that he report at the next meeting of the board as to whether the same compares favorably with that of North Carolina. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The date for the next meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners was set for Monday, May 1st, at the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, North Carolina, the same to be held during the meeting of the North Carolina State Board of Medical Examiners.

The date for the annual written examination was set for June 18-22nd, at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh.

The board directed the secretary to invite the members of the Board of Medical Examiners to be elected in May to attend the June meeting for the purpose of indoctrination.

RE: <u>Dr. Norman Hornstein</u> - Dr. Ivan Procter advised the board of a visit from Ben Dixon MacNeill, who resides at Hatteras. Mr. MacNeill stated that Dr. Hornstein was rendering a service on the Outer Banks as he was the only physician available, but that his personality was not favorable. The board resolved that Norman Hornstein's position remain status quo.

RE: <u>Dr. Walter Joel</u> - The matter of licensure for Dr. Joel, graduate of the University of Cologne, in order that he might go to the Community Hospital, Wilmington, as a pathologist was again presented to the board.

The following is letter of November 4th from Dr. T. T. Sinclair, Jr., President of the New Hanover County Medical Society:

"I have no personal knowledge of Dr. Joel. But, have been associated with Community Hospital for the past four years in the capacity of radiologist. This hospital is a local hospital for negroes, with a bed capacity of 100 beds. They are associated with Duke Hospital set-up and, of course, receive County and City funds also for indigent patients.

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"The new administrator Frank B. Adair has been with them for the past year and has been successful in improving both the physical plant and the medical services rendered. He is a well trained and very industrious administrator and is very anxious to get the hospital fully approved. The only hold up now is in securing adequate pathological help. Because of its small size and resulting weak economical situation they are unable to support a full time pathologist. If such a thing as a limited license could be issued this might be the solution to the problem, but I do not know whether such a license could be issued. The hospital needs the services of a pathologist and I hope that some way can be found to provide such services."

The board directed the secretary to advise that Walter Joel would be permitted to appear to present his credentials with reference to procuring license looking to going to Community Hospital in Wilmington as a pathologist.

RE: Dr. J. H. Crawford - The secretary reported that the books of the Board of Medical Examiners were subpoensed by the Colliers Publishing Company for the trial of Crawford vs Colliers Publishing Company in the Federal Court, Asheville, North Carolina, December 5-6th, 1949. Mrs. Louise J. McNeill, Assistant Secretary, took said records of the board to this trial.

Dr. Crawford, who is now 83 years of age, took offense at an article published by Colliers Publishing Company and instituted suit.

The minutes of the Board of Medical Examiners revealed the following:

J. H. Crawford, Buncombe County, listed as being licensed under the Act of 1889 (Grandfather Clause). However, Dr. Crawford, stated to the Colliers Publishing Company attorney that he had never resided or practiced in Buncombe County.

Dr. J. H. Crawford of Unaka was granted a limited license on July 16th, 1923 to practice only in Beaver Dam Township, Cherokee County. December 2nd, 1923, the secretary of the board reported a letter of complaint from Drs. Howell and Patterson regarding one Dr. J. H. Crawford who holds a limited license to practice in Beaver Dam Township, Cherokee County. Upon investigation we find that Dr. J. H. Crawford was granted a limited license. After discussing the matter the board felt that perhaps no action should be taken unless further complaint was made.

Attorneys for Colliers Publishing Company obtained a photostatic copy of the record in Jackson County showing that Dr. J. H. Crawford was convicted January 14th, 1929 of practicing medicine without a license. Also that Dr. Crawford in 1929 was allowed to register with the clerks of court in several counties under the Grandfather Clause. However, an act was passed in 1921 prohibiting any further registration under the Grandfather Clause. Therefore, the defendant was able to show the court that Dr. Crawford was practicing medicine without a license as he was residing in Swain County. The judge ruled that Dr. Crawford was not a duly licensed physician and dismissed the case against Colliers Publishing Company.

RE: Dr. Bernard Tilton - The secretary reported that Dr. Tilton was granted license to practice medicine by virtue of endorsement of credentials on the 23rd day of November, 1949, as a result of the majority of all members of the board voting by letter, after expressed apology on the part of Dr. Tiltonfor his violation of the Medical Practice Act and further as a result of the appeal on the part of physicians in his community and also of the Rowan County Medical Society.

The following letter under date of December 19th, 1949, signed by the president and secretary of the board, was sent to the editor of the North Carolina Medical Journal for publication:

"There has been much confusion in the past in reference to the interpretation of the North C rolina laws (Medical Practice Act) concerning permission to practice medicine within the state. This permission has been misinterpreted in many different cases. Individual physicians, especially, and at times secretaries of local county medical societies, have felt that they could indirectly grant permission to a new physician to practice medicine at least temporarily.

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Many physicians believe that they can take a young or new physician into their office and allow him to practice without a license if it is stated he is practicing with or under the supervision of that established physician, who holds a North Carolina license.

"This, of course, is an erroneous interpretation of the law and has caused much confusion at times, embarrassment and loss of temper on the part of practitioners and other citizens of the state.

"The North Carolina Medical Practice Act specifically states that any person who diagnoses or attempts to diagnose, who treats or attempts to treat, operate or attempt to operate on, or prescribe for or administer to, or profess to treat any human ailment, physical or mental, or any physical injury to or deformity of another person, is practicing medicine. If that person does not possess an individual license granted by the State Board of Medical Examiners, he is violating the laws of the state and is liable to conviction of a misdemeanor."

RE: Dr. Earl William Schafer - The secretary reported that Dr. Schafer was allowed to visit the members of the board individually and was granted license to practice medicine by virtue of endorsement of credentials on December 22nd, 1949

The following letter under date of December 1st, 1949 from Dr. Paul E. Simpson was presented to the board.

"Due to prevailing circumstances I will find it necessary to increase the rent on the office space for the State Board of Medical Examiners from \$50 per month to \$75 per month, effective as of January 1, 1950. This change in rent is necessary because of the increase in operating expenses of the office here at 226 Hillsboro Street."

The board directed that the secretary pay the increase in rent to \$75.00 made by Dr. Paul E. Simpson.

RE: Dr. S. W. Fleming - The following is letter under date of October 17th, 1949 from R. W. Craft, Chairman of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners:

"Dr. S. W. Fleming who was employed by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners in June of this year as Assistant to Dr. T. F. Vestal, Superintendent and Medical Director of the Forsyth County Hospital, voluntarily resigned on August 13, 1949. Four or five nurses at the County Hospital accused Dr. Fleming of having been intoxicated while on duty at the hospital. These charges were thoroughly investigated by the County Commissioners and sixteen affidavits were obtained from some of the personnel of the hospital, former patients, and others, who set forth in their sworm statements that they had never seen Dr. Fleming when in their opinion he was intoxicated, or under the influence of intoxicating beverages. The Board also obtained affidavits from highly reputable, local physicians who did work at the County Hospital while Dr. Fleming was employed, these physicians stating in their opinion the hospital was well managed and under proper administration.

"The Grand Jury of Forsyth County made a special investigation of conditions at the Forsyth County Hospital and submitted a report stating that the people of Forsyth County should be proud of the institution, the report making no mention of Dr. Fleming being intoxicated and, as a matter of fact, did not mention Dr. Fleming's name in the report.

"We feel that the accusations brought against Dr. S. W. Fleming were most unfortunate and, in our opinion, not substantiated. He is in our opinion a splendid young man and still merits the confidence we placed in him while he was employed by our Board of Commissioners.

"We understand that Dr. Fleming will be eligible to take an examination to be given by the State Board of Medical Examiners at its regular meeting, and we wish for him much success, and trust that these accusations will not be held against him by the Board of Medical Examiners."

Dr. M. D. Bonner advised that Dr. Fleming is attending classes and conferences at the Baptist Hospital; that he will finish his two year period of training February 17th, 1950.

Dr. Ivan Procter moved that Dr. S. W. Fleming be allowed to take the written examination to be held in June, 1950. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

RE: Dr. George A. Andrews - Dr. Allyn B. Choate, Chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee of the North Carolina State Medical Society reported by telephone that Dr. Andrews is doing a limited eye practice in his father's home and has no need for a narcotic license; that the Committee on Rehabilitation did not recommend that his narcotic license be restored; that Dr. Andrews is taking opiates and barbiturates.

The board directed that the Narcotic Bureau be requested to investigate Dr. Andrews and that Dr. Andrews be subposneed to appear before the beard at the June, 1950 meeting.

RE: Dr. Theodore Antonakes - Dr. M. D. Bonner reported to the Board of Medical Examiners that Dr. Antonakes worked for him a period during 1949; that for one month he did fine, then he found that he was administering cocaine to himself intravenously; that he was very nervous. Dr. Bonner stated that he dismissed Dr. Antonakes and had him admitted to the State Hospital for two months and he understands he is doing a little practice around Guilford at the present time.

The board directed that the Narcotic Bureau be requested to investigate Dr. Antonakes and that Dr. Antonakes be subpoensed to appear before the board at the June, 1950 meeting.

RE: Dr. Rolland S. Clinton, Gastonia, N. C. - Dr. Allyn B. Choate, Chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee of the North Carolina State Medical Society reported by telephone that the committee strongly recommended that Dr. Clinton's narcotic license be reinstated; that Dr. Clinton had been getting along nicely for several years; that everyone spoke well of him in Gastonia and that he had recently been elected president of his county medical society.

The following is letter from Dr. W. A. Anthony to Dr. Allyn B. Choate dated January 11th, 1950:

"I have complied with the request in your letter of 1/3/50 making what I feel is a thorough investigation of Dr. Roland S. Clinton along the lines mentioned.

"I found that he has not used any opiates in two years. I feel sure that this is true. He has a large practice and is doing a nice job of it. This, I feel shows that the people have confidence in him. He was elected president of the Gaston County Medical Society for 1950, and this I think shows that the doctors of this county are confident that he is not using any opiates.

"He has stated that he does not intend to carry any large stock of narcotics at any time in the future. He would like to be permitted, however, to have enough for emergency use as these emergencies arise in his practice. He also would like to be permitted to prescribe some narcotics in cough mixtures and in drugs for relief of pain.

"He would like to have an interview with you at your convenience to discuss this problem, man to man, as in all probability it should be done. If you will be so kind as to let me know when you could have an interview with him or let Dr. Clinton know directly, it would be appreciated by Dr. Clinton. I feel sure it would have the hearty approval of all the members of the Gaston County Medical Society.

"I hope this will answer the questions that you and the Board might have in mind. If I can be of any further service, I will be only too glad to comply with your wishes."

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Dr. Clinton appeared before the board with the request that his narcotic license be reinstated. He stated that he had not taken any drugs since he appeared before the board in January, 1948; that he went to work and got busy enough so that he did not need it. He said that he does a general practice and there are some cases where he greatly needs to have his narcotic license. On being questioned Dr. Clinton said that he took no formal treatment but went to bed and stayed off; that he was taking two to three grains or more daily. He was told by the board if it would be a temptation to have his narcotic license that it would rather—turn him down. Dr. Clinton replied that he personally felt it would not be a temptation; that if he were not sure he would not ask for reinstatement. Dr. Clinton said he started using narcotics when he had a duodenal ulcer and was overworked but that he has no trouble now.

- Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that the Board of Medical Examiners recommend to the Narcotic Bureau that Dr. Roland S. Clinton's narcotic license be restored. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.
- RE: Dr. Randall C. Smith, Ayden, N. c. The following is report from Dr. Grady Dixon under date of December 30th, 1949:

"In reply to your letter of the 20th. For the past year I have had opportunity to observe Dr. R. C. Smith, seeing him several times a week, and it is my opinion that he is not taking any of the opiates at the present time, nor for the past year. However, there are times when I think that he is under either the influence of the Barbiturates or Alcohol."

The board directed that the Narcotic Bureau be requested to investigate Dr. Smith and that Dr. Smith be subpoensed to appear before the board at the June, 1950 meeting.

- RE: Dr. James F. Crow The secretary reported to the board that subpoens had been issued for Dr. Crow, the same having been returned marked, "not to be found in Lincoln County."
- RE: Dr. John S.Stone, Leaksville, N. C. Dr. M. D. Bonner reported to the board that Dr. Stone had not complied with the order of the Board of Medical Examiners of June 24th, 1949 that he appear before him every sixty days. He stated that Dr. Stone telephoned him about two months ago and said he was coming but to date had not complied with the direction of the board.
- Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that Dr. John S. Stone be subpoensed to appear before the Board of Medical Examiners at its next meeting, May 1st, 1950, to show cause why his license should not be revoked; that the Narcotic Bureau be requested to make an investigation on Dr. Stone. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.
- RE: Dr. Wiley Royster Young, Angier, N. C. Dr. Paul G. Parker reported that Dr. Young has been doing all right as far as he can ascertain. Dr. Parker stated that Dr. Young's probation of two years would expire in June of this year and suggested that the board consider recommendation of restoration of his narcotic license at that time. He also suggested that an investigation of Dr. Young be requested of the Narcotic Bureau, looking to that end.

The board directed that investigation of Dr. Wiley Royster Young be requested of the Narcotic Bureau as suggested by Dr. Parker.

RE: Dr. Oscar Adolph Kafer, New Bern, N. C. - Dr. Allyn B. Choate, Chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee of the North Carolina State Medical Society, reported by telephone that the committee recommended that Dr. Kafer's narcotic license be restored. Mr. B. M. Martin, District Supervisor of the Narcotic Bureau, after a visit to New Bern, in a personal visit to the secretary's office on October 3rd, 1949, recommended that Dr. Kafer's license be restored.

Dr. Kafer appeared before the board with the request that the board recommend that his narcotic license be reinstated. He stated that he had seen Dr. Allyn B. Choate, who referred him to Drs. Thompson, Randolph and Newman and that Dr. Choate had advised him to again appear before the board. Upon being questioned Dr. Kafer said that he got off narcotics after he had a broken hip and had not really been on since but was given narcotics while having his hand treated in October, 1948. When asked about drinking he said that he was

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not taking anything at all, not even a mug of beer.

Dr. Ivan Procter moved that the Board of Medical Examiners recommend to the Narcotic Bureau that Dr. Kafer's narcotic license be reinstated. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

A discussion was held as to the granting of a temporary license in order that a physician might not be deprived of beginning practice for several months or whether he would visit members of the board individually, looking to procuring license by endorsement of credentials.

The board RESOLVED: That if the secretary found it necessary for an applicant to produce license prior to the next meeting of the board, he might grant permission for said applicant to appear before members of the Board of Medical Examiners individually after all credentials were completed and approved by the secretary. License would be granted in such a manner only upon the unanimous vote of the members of the Board of Medical Examiners. Otherwise applicant would be required to appear personally at a regular meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners.

The Board of Medical Examiners discussed the matter of hospital resident physicians being required to have a license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina according to the Medical Practice Act. It took cognizance of the possible financial hardship imposed on a resident having to pay the free of \$50.00.

Dr. M. A. Pittman moved that any physician serving a residency in any hospital in North Carolina be charged Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars for license by comity instead of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, said license to be limited to that particular hospital in which applicant was serving a residency. After the residency was completed, applicant would be allowed to come before the Board of Medical Examiners, pay the additional Thirty-five (\$35.00) Dollars, and be granted a full license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The following letter under date of January 4th, 1950 from Dr. William Happer was presented to the board:

"You will remember that when I appeared before the Board ofMedical Examiners they were good enough to place me in the charge of Dr. J. W. R. Norton, the State Health Officer. Under his direction, I have been employed as Assistant Health Officer with the Orange-Person-Chatham-Lee District Health Department. It was also suggested that I should re-appear before the Board early in the New Year in order that they might review my position. I shall be most grateful if you will let me know the date, place and time at which I should be present."

Dr. Charles W. Armstrong moved that Dr. William Happer be allowed to take the written examination to be held in June, 1950. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Ivan Procter reported to the board that he had been requested by Dr. G. Westbrook Murphy, President of the North Carolina State Medical Society to make suggestions that might expedite balloting in the election of members to the State Board of Medical Examiners at the meeting of the State Medical Society. Dr. Procter stated that he had made suggestions to Dr. Murphy and advised him that said opinion did not necessarily represent that of other members or of the board.

The audit by John F. Prescott, Certified Public Accountant, for the year 1949 was presented to the board. The president appointed Dr. Paul G. Parker and Dr. M. A. Pittman to serve as the Finance Committee. The committee recommended that the board accept the audit submitted.

The secretary reported to the board that it is his policy to refer all payments of a quasi official nature to the president for his approval.

The resolution with reference to the writing, printing and binding of a book to be entitled, "The  $^{\rm N}$ orth Carolina State Board of Medical  $^{\rm E}$ xaminers, Its  $^{\rm H}$ istory and Procedures," was presented to the board. No action was taken with reference to the same.

RE: Dr. J. W. Murdoch

Dr. Gerhard Wulff - The board directed that Dr. Murdoch and Dr. Wulff be allowed to take the written examination of the Board of Medical Examiners in June, after serving a two years' interneship at the state mental

institutions under the direction of Dr. David A. Young, General Superintendent, North Carolina Hospitals Board of Control.

RE: Dr. Franklin LeRoy Wilson - Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that Dr. Wilson be allowed to take the written examination of the Board of Medical Examiners in June, 1950. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Wilson is a graduate of Middlesex College, a grade B school. He was granted the privilege of serving an approved intermeship in North Carolina under the resolution relating to  $n_a$ tive North Carolinians who had graduated from unapproved medical schools.

RE: Dr. W. J. Martin - The following letter under date of January 17th, 1950 from Dr. Martin was presented to the board:

"I think you have in your files my examination grades on the Illinois reciprocity application. Since the Illinois examination covered the first two years of medicine at Wake Forest Medical School, I wish to apply for reciprocity of the first two years of the Illinois examination to the North Carolina Board. I shall be grateful if you will present this to the board for their consideration."

Dr. R. B. McKnight moved that Dr. W. J. Martin be advised that he must take the entire four year examination. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

The delegates elected to attend the annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards advised that they would be unable to attend the same in February.

RE: Dr. Howard Monroe Walker - Mr. Harvey W. Johnson, Attorney for Dr. Walker, appeared before the Board of Medical Examiners without having first procured an appointment. He asked the board to review the action taken on Dr. Walker's limited license with the State of Texas. It was explained to Mr. Johnson that limited license was issued due to the fact that Dr. Walker advised the board that he intended to continue to reside and practice in South Carolina, but wishes to practice radiology in a specific borderline county in North Carolina; that if Dr. Walker desired at anytime to move his residence to North Carolina and practice in this state, he would have the privilege of coming before the board again and be considered for full license. Mr. Johnson stated that the position of the Board of Medical Examiners had not been made clear to him, but that the matter was now clarified.

RE: Dr. Donald Laing Peterson - The secretary reported the State Bureau of Investigation had made investigation and was unable to find any evidence that Dr. Peterson had practiced medicine in Bryson City; that Dr. Peterson had now left North Carolina and gone back to Minnesota to practice medicine. A letter from Dr. Peterson under date of November 3rd, 1949, mailed from Minnesota, stated that he had accepted a position with the Mayo Clinic.

Dr. Peterson came in without having first procured an appointment and requested that he be allowed to appear before the board. He stated that after going back to Minnesota he received several requests from Bryson City asking him to come back; that one week ago he received a wire from the postmaster asking him to come back and appear before the Board of Medical Examiners at this meeting. Dr. Peterson again requested the board to reconsider his application and grant him a license by endorsement of credentials to practice medicine in this state.

Dr. Charles W. Armstrong moved that Dr. Donald Laing Peterson remain status quo. This motion was duly seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Peterson was advised of the action of the board.

following The/letter from Mrs. Thomas Leslie Lee was presented to the board:

"Dear Members of the North Carolina State Board of Medical Examiners: I feel much, but all I can say is, Thank you. The flowers were beautiful. I shall always have a very warm place in my heart, though it is crushed, for each of you."

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Dr. Paul G. Parker moved that the meeting be adjourned.

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IVAN PROCTER, M. D. Secretary-Treasurer