

tunities either in dispensaries or their own practice to carry on such work with very little inconvenience.

Dr. HILLYER (closing the discussion). I would like to say just a word in regard to my work suggested for next year. The society has been kind enough to give me a subject, and that is in reference to Dr. Buckley's paper. Dr. Buckley has offered to send me a description of the technique of his method, and I will take pains to have it printed and

sent to every member of the society and any others who may wish it. I will ask you to make a record of the cases in which this method is used and forward it to me during the year. At the next meeting of the society I will make a report which I trust may prove of value to you.

On motion, the Correspondent's report was passed.

(To be continued.)

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INTERNATIONAL DENTAL FEDERATION.

Annual Meeting of the Executive Council, held at Hanover, Ger.,
August 7, 1905.

PURSUANT to a resolution adopted by the Third International Dental Congress held at Paris in 1900, the founding of the International Dental Federation was determined upon, the main object of its creation being to secure the consideration of questions of general interest bearing upon dentistry, and to make the necessary preparations for future international dental congresses.

The F. D. I. began the second period of its activity with the Fourth International Dental Congress held at St. Louis in 1904. At that meeting the rules and regulations of the F. D. I. were considered anew, revised, and definitely adopted. In addition to this action, the creation of an Executive Council of fifty members, with an increase in the membership of several commissions, was decided upon.

The Executive Council is composed of the national committees of the nations that were represented at the Fourth International Dental Congress. Most countries have one or two representatives in the Executive Council, several have five (United States, England, Germany, and

France). The German National Committee consists of Drs. Miller, Hesse, Hielscher, Walkhoff, and Schäffer-Stuckert.

The chairman of the Executive Council, who is also *ex officio* the president of the F. D. I. is Professor W. D. Miller, whose term of office will extend until the Fifth International Dental Congress, to be held in Berlin in 1909.

The officers of the Executive Council are as follows:

President—W. D. Miller, Berlin.

Vice-Presidents—E. Sauvez, Paris; R. Weiser, Vienna; J. H. Mummery, London.

Secretary-General—E. C. Kirk, Philadelphia.

Assistant Secretaries—Fr. Schäffer-Stuckert, Frankfort-on-Main; P. Guye, Geneva; Burton Lee Thorpe, St. Louis.

Treasurer—F. Aguilar, Madrid.

The following members were present at the meeting held in Hanover, August 1905: W. D. Miller, Berlin; Fr. Schäffer-Stuckert, Frankfort-on-Main; Kurt Hielscher, Cologne; Carl Kühns, Hanover; A. W. Harlan, New York; T. W.

Brophy, Chicago; W. B. Paterson, London; Wm. Guy, Edinburgh; G. G. Champion, Manchester; G. O. Whitaker, Manchester; W. Harrison, Brighton; Ch. Godon, Paris; E. Sauvez, Paris; R. Heidé, Paris; B. Platschick, Paris; R. Weiser, Vienna; Otto Zsigmondy, Vienna; O. Smith-Housken, Christiania; V. Haderup, Copenhagen; V. Guerini, Naples; A. Chiavaro, Rome; E. Rosenthal, Brussels; L. C. Bryan, Basel; P. Guye, Geneva; John Grevers, Amsterdam; E. Dubeau, Montreal, Canada; F. Aguilar, Madrid.

Professor Miller welcomed the members and expressed his thanks for his election at St. Louis. He made particular reference to the activity of his predecessor, the present honorary president, Professor Godon of Paris.

He next presented his views upon the most pressing problems which the present session had to consider. These consisted especially in specifying the relations between the F. D. I. and its committees on the one hand, and the national committees on the other—the adjustment of which when accomplished would certainly lead to more fruitful activity on the part of the Federation.

The foreign members were next welcomed by Dr. Heilscher on behalf of the *Vereinsbundes Deutscher Zahnärzte*; by Dr. Schäffer-Stuckert on behalf of the *Central Verein Deutscher Zahnärzte*, and by Dr. Kühns on behalf of the *Vereins für Niedersachsen*.

The president, Professor W. D. Miller, then read an address in which he reviewed the extensive correspondence of the past year, which had been particularly heavy on account of the great distance between the residences of the president and that of the secretary-general. The president observed that the *Central Verein* had at its meeting this year continued in office the national committee for Germany, and that next year, ten members should be elected from a list of twenty candidates, who in connection with the national committee are to constitute the committee to arrange for the meeting of the Fifth International Dental Congress in Berlin. The speaker par-

ticularly welcomed the English members of the F. D. I., who were present for the first time at this meeting.

The language used at the meeting was English, because upon inquiry that language was found to be understood by the majority of those present. The addresses were delivered by the speakers in their mother tongues.

The acting secretary of the meeting was Dr. Guye of Geneva, as Dr. Kirk of Philadelphia was unable to be present and had sent a letter tendering his resignation. On motion the resignation was not accepted.

Professor Wetzel of Essen tendered an invitation to the F. D. I. to visit Essen and the Krupp plant. The invitation was accepted upon the following day by a considerable number of foreign delegates.

Dr. T. W. Brophy, Chicago, next presented a report upon dental education. The report was ordered printed in three languages.

Professor Miller then presented four propositions upon the subject of the determination of the relation of the F. D. I. to the national committees. These propositions were as follows:

First: "The wishes of the national committee shall be respected in regard to all matters pertaining to their own countries, and no policy or resolution shall be undertaken or passed by the F. D. I. or its committees without the knowledge and consent of the national committee of the country which would be affected by such a resolution."

This proposition was adopted with the following amendment, "—shall be undertaken against the wishes of the national committees."

Upon motion by Dr. Paterson, London, the following addition was adopted:

"The reports of the various committees shall be submitted to the Executive Council. These reports shall be printed and distributed among the members of the Executive Council so that they may be in touch with the views of their national committees. No report shall be official which has not been accepted by the Executive Council of the F. D. I."

Professor Miller's second proposition was as follows:

"All appointments to membership in the F. D. I. or its commissions shall be made only with the consent of the national committees." Adopted.

The third proposition was—

"All national committees shall seek to obtain the recognition and indorsement of their national dental associations, in order to be able to act as the elected representatives of the dental profession of their respective countries." Adopted.

The fourth proposition was likewise adopted. It reads:

"Only such persons shall be eligible to membership in the F. D. I. who are legally entitled to practice dentistry in the country in which they reside, or in which they have obtained their professional qualifications."

The adoption of these propositions has undoubtedly contributed to make the position of the F. D. I. clearer and stronger in its relations to the conditions which obtain in different countries; it is matter of congratulation that the representatives of the various nations were enabled to cordially unite upon the basis of the above principles.

Next came the presentation of brief reports of the national committees upon the steps that have been taken recently with regard to dental hygiene among the people, and with regard to dental education in their respective countries. The reports of the subcommittees—*i. e.* those that were represented at the meeting—upon this subject were received.

The report regarding the measures adopted to promote dental hygiene in Switzerland was submitted by Dr. Guye of Geneva. With it the essayist presented the printed instructions on dental hygiene published by the Swiss Odontological Society.

Dr. Schäffer-Stuckert reported exhaustively upon the progress of dental hygiene in Germany, and submitted a considerable amount of literature bearing upon dental hygiene. On motion this report was ordered printed in three languages.

A discussion then followed on the

question as to what special points should now be the immediate object of the F. D. I.'s efforts, and a great number of questions arose in this connection.

In the first place the Commission on Military and Naval Dental Service, appointed at St. Louis, not having been regularly organized, was again created in accordance with the constitution of the F. D. I., and the following representatives were elected for Germany: Professor Jessen, Strasburg, and Staff-Surgeon Dr. Richter, Chemnitz.

Drs. Schäffer-Stuckert, Frankfort-on-Main, and C. H. Witthaus, Rotterdam, were elected to the Commission on Hygiene and Public Dental Service.

A report was presented by Dr. Arkövy, Budapest, upon dental education in Hungary.

Dr. Guerini, Naples, presented a proposition concerning the project of the Italian government to grant the right of practicing dentistry to licensed physicians only.

On motion of Dr. Paterson the F. D. I. adopted the following resolution: "The Executive Council of the F. D. I. is of the unanimous opinion that Italy requires the establishment of special institutions for dental education and stands in need of a system of special dental education and legislation, in accordance with the principles laid down at the meetings of the F. D. I. in Stockholm, August 1902."

Dr. Guerini's proposition will be printed and circulated among the members of the F. D. I.

On motion of Dr. Riedel, Porto Alegre, the affiliation of the Sociedad Odontologica de Porto Alegre with the F. D. I. was concurred in.

Dr. Rosenthal, Brussels, presented a report upon the development of dentistry in Belgium.

Dr. Aguilar, Madrid, submitted a report upon the condition of the treasury of the F. D. I. The report was accepted with thanks.

A Commission upon the History of Dentistry was organized. Dr. Geist-Jacoby, Frankfort-on-Main, was elected as the German representative upon this commission. The remaining members of

the commission are Drs. McManus, chairman, Thorpe, and Guerini.

A Commission upon International Dental Literature was also organized. Professor Port, Heidelberg, was elected as the member for Germany. The chairman of the commission is Dr. A. W. Harlan, New York.

In an address by Professor Haderup, "Upon the Possibility of Supplying a Good Tooth-brush at a Price Within Reach of the Poorest," the speaker stated that he is in correspondence with Paris firms regarding the furnishing of tooth-brushes at 18 pf. ($4\frac{1}{2}$ cents) each. In conjunction with Drs. Miller and Heidé, the speaker intends to further prosecute this subject.

Dr. Smith-Housken submitted a report upon the condition of dentistry in Norway.

All the reports will be printed in the official transactions of the F. D. I.

The meeting accepted the invitation of the Swiss Odontological Society to hold the next meeting in Geneva in August 1906, in connection with the annual meeting of the Swiss Odontological Society.

MEMBERS OF COMMISSIONS APPOINTED AT HANOVER.

International Commission on Military and Naval Dental Service.—Professor Jessen, Strasburg; Staff-Surgeon Dr. Richter, Chemnitz; Dr. W. B. Paterson, London. (France reserves the appointment of two members.)

International Commission on Hygiene and Public Dental Service.—Dr. Schäffer-Stuckert, Frankfort-on-Main; Dr. Witthaus, Rotterdam.

International Commission on Nomenclature.—Dr. John Grevers (chairman), Amsterdam; Dr. V. Haderup, Copenhagen. (France reserves her appointment.)

Commission on Dental History.—Dr. Charles McManus (chairman), Hartford, Conn.; Dr. Geist-Jacoby, Frankfort-on-Main; Dr. Burton Lee Thorpe, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. Guerini, Naples. (France reserves her appointment.)

Commission on the International Dental Press.—Dr. Coffin, London; Dr. F. Aguilar, Madrid; Dr. M. Roy, Paris; Dr. C. N. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. G. O. Whittaker, Manchester, England.

Commission on Tooth-Brushes.—Drs. V. Haderup, Copenhagen; W. D. Miller, Berlin; and R. Heidé, Paris.

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