Survey of the Dental Curriculum

A number of dental schools now enroll all the students they can accommodate while others do not. The 43 schools report that they could accommodate a total of 12,418 students. The capacity of the schools ranges from 60 to 600 students. Twenty-six dental schools have set limits to their enrollments and five others limit the number they will enroll in the first year. Several schools state that they would set a limit if that were necessary. In the fall of 1931, 25 dental schools accepted all qualified applicants and 14 schools state that they refused admittance to some applicants, most of whom met the quantitative, but not the qualitative, standards.

During the summer of 1931, 11 dental schools maintained summer sessions with instruction in regularly organized classes. These sessions ranged from eight to twelve weeks in length and they enrolled 741 students. Several schools have organized their work on a quarter basis with the summer session as a regular quarter.

To date twelve dental schools have been visited. These visits have been made to secure an acquaintance with the conditions of dental education and to learn from officials and faculty members what prog essive practices are employed in the schools.

11. IN CONCLUSION

In conclusion it should be stated that the work reported is preliminary to the main task of the survey. It constitutes in part the foundation upon which our further study will rest.

May I briefly review the three important phases of the whole plan? The *first* phase is to obtain a clear and detailed view of the dental health needs to which dentistry must minister, as well as to secure certain additional information upon which the professional practice of dentistry must rest. This is now well under way. The *second* phase of the plan is to secure the cooperation of the teachers in the dental schools to assist in determining the content of the curriculum. Some of you will be drafted into the service as members of subcommittees. To accomplish this part of the survey we shall need your help. The *third* phase will be to arrange the content in a curriculum for the use of the dental faculties.

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