

7. CONCLUSION

In conclusion it should be stated again that this progress report on the objectives of dental education is merely an effort to lay the basis for a formulation of what those objectives should be. Caution must be used in interpreting the data set down in this report. Inasmuch as the schedules contained no definitions of terms it is altogether probable that different persons replying understood some of the items differently. Criticism may easily be made of the items included in the schedule. There may be some overlapping in the statements. A few items might possibly be regarded as statements of detail rather than important objectives. Furthermore, since no definition of the terms "major objective" and "minor objective" were given, it is possible that these terms were not construed in exactly the same way by the different officials replying for the dental schools. Nevertheless, as a means of stimulating thought on an important problem, and as a foundation for further work, it is believed that this preliminary study has served a useful purpose.

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