

The Executive Committee reported on the application of the Western Dental College, of Kansas City, recommending that it lie over for one year. The report was adopted.

The report of the Executive Committee recommending the rejection of the application of the Tennessee Medical College, Dental Department, of Knoxville, Tenn., for irregularities in conferring the degree of D.D.S. and in the reception of students, was adopted.

The application of Howard University, Dental Department, Washington, D.C., was laid over for one year.

The following applications for membership, also reported by the Executive Committee, lie over under the rules :

United States Dental College, Chicago.

Homœopathic Hospital College, Dental Department, Cleveland.

Detroit College of Medicine, Department of Dental Surgery.

The report of the Executive Committee recommending that the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery be censured by the association for conferring the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery upon Charles F. Forsham, M.A., LL.D., of Bradford, England, *in absentia* and honorarily, in violation of the rules of the association, was adopted.

Dr. Truman offered an amendment to the rule regarding the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery honorarily, absolutely prohibiting the exercise of that privilege to the members of the association, but the amendment was lost, after discussion, it being the general sense that the present rule is a sufficient safeguard against the unworthy bestowal of the honor.

Dr. Cravens offered the following amendment to the constitution, which goes over under the rules :

Amend Article VII. so that it shall read as follows :

ART. VII. Any reputable dental college, located in any State of the United States, may be represented in this body upon submitting to the Executive Committee satisfactory credentials, signing the constitution, conforming to the rules and regulations of this body, and paying such assessments as may be made.

The association adopted a protest against the classification of dentists as manufacturers, as provided in House Bill No. 7696, known as the Wilcox Bill, and against the collection of statistics from dentists under its provisions, on the grounds that dentists are not manufacturers in any sense, not being engaged in the manufacture, fabrication, or sale of any product having a merchandisable value ; that all the laws heretofore passed in the various States and Territories and the District of Columbia distinctly recognize dentists as professional men ; and that the attempt to collect statistics would be an injustice not only to them but to their patients, and that such statistics if collected would be valueless to the Govern-