

carefully qualifying their students in every necessary direction. To ascertain these facts is a matter of difficulty. It is necessary, too, in addition to an ascertainment of the character of the faculties of any school, to discover the degree of confidence which has been developed in the minds of the local members of the profession.

The number of students in actual attendance in all the schools of the country for the session 1894-95, excluding those attending special courses, was 4,979, as against 3,997 at the previous session; graduates 1,208, as against 911.

The committee also expressed the conviction that it is becoming evident that the dental schools are increasing in number beyond the needs of the public, owing to the tendency of medical schools to inaugurate dental departments. The installation of dental departments in connection with medical schools is necessarily often incomplete, and therefore the committee believes that restrictions should be placed upon the rapid increase of inefficient dental colleges. As the practice of dentistry is largely based upon knowledge of chemistry and bacteriology, and as manual training has become an integral part of the curriculum of some of the better schools, we recommend that the association do not in future recognize any school unless satisfactory evidence is furnished that the students of such schools applying for recognition are being taught in modern chemical and bacteriological laboratories, and also furnished with every convenience for manual training in prosthetic and operative dentistry, and that this latter mode of practical instruction is systematically carried on in at least the first year's course.

The committee also called attention to the importance of a higher standard of preliminary education, and to the impropriety of schools advertising as instructors practitioners who occasionally clinic before the students, but are not a part of the staff of the institution. The report was adopted.

The following resolution, offered by Dr. Magill, was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*,—That we will not in future consider favorably an application for recognition from any college which has as a member of its faculty one who also holds membership in the State Examining Board.

Dr. Donnally moved that final action shall not be taken on the application of any college until such application has been in the hands of the chairman of the Committee on Colleges for at least ten months. So ordered.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: J. T. Abbott, Manchester, Iowa, president; H. B. Noble, Washington, D.C., vice-president; Charles A. Meeker, Newark, N.J., secretary and treasurer. Adjourned.