

healthy sentiment, and to awaken the public mind to the serious condition. A bill that properly controlled educational matters in the state was introduced by a committee from the universities, but it was so sweeping in its effects that of course it received the virulent opposition of the worser class, and it was defeated. We stood ready, and while pushing our suit against the fraud colleges we at the same time introduced a bill that will, we think, put a stop to the issuing of fraudulent degrees, and pushed it through the legislature, got it signed by the governor, and it is now a law of the state. I enclose a copy of it. We believe that under this it will be possible to close up the traffic in fraudulent diplomas, which has disgraced the state, and to redeem the reputations of the Illinois educational institutions, which have been tainted by the existence of these miserable affairs, which it was impossible to catch or punish. For the carrying on of this work the National Association of Dental Faculties gave to the Committee on Foreign Relations full authority to draw upon its treasury, and even pledged itself to levy an assessment upon the colleges which make up its membership if necessary, thus pledging all the strength of the association in support of the committee. This has enabled them to accomplish what would have been impossible had they been hampered by insufficient authority or a lack of funds. At the same time the Foreign Relations Committee has been active in the endeavor to bring about a better understanding between the profession of American and that of different European countries. It has, of course, been necessary to work through American dentists practising abroad, but it is hoped that some mutual understanding concerning a professional and preliminary educational standard may be established. Delegates from Europe will be present at the meeting of the National Association of Dental Faculties at Niagara this summer, and it is hoped that much good will result. I write this at your request, and you are at liberty to make such use of it as will serve the best interests of our profession, which should know no bounds of country or nationality.

Very truly yours,

Buffalo, N.Y., April 23rd, 1899.

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DEAR DR. TRUMAN,—You are well aware that as the direct result of the agitation in the National Association of Dental Faculties of the existence of fraudulent dental colleges, the sale of dental degrees by them at home and abroad, and the opportunities given for the outrageous traffic through the existence of laws permitting their legal incorporation, especially in the State of Illinois, that an association of the universities and reputable literary and other institutions of learning was formed in the state for the purpose of securing a repeal of the obnoxious legislation. On the part of the