

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Boston, Apr. 2. 1926.

Dear Doctor: —

I am sending you a document issued by the Massachusetts Dental Hygiene Council of which I heartily approve.

very truly,  
WILLIAM H. POTTER.

Dear Dr. W. H. POTTER.

At the next Convention, of the Massachusetts Dental Society on May 6th, the Dental Hygiene Council of Massachusetts is to present the subject „The Dental Health Problem and the Forsyth Solution, Children's Dentistry”.

The essence of its argument is crystalized in these resolutions that will be offered for adoption.

### *Resolutions by the Massachusetts Dental Hygiene Council.*

616. 314 (062) (73).

Whereas — Up to the present the attention of Dentistry has been centred mainly on the work and restoration of lost dental tissue, and

Whereas — The only hope of real progress lies in the prevention or early control of dental disease, and

Whereas — Prevention, to be effective, must be applied early in the life of the individual — and early in the life of the tooth

Resolved — That service must begin early and be systematic and periodic in order to obtain the maximum of prevention with the minimum of operative work and to properly educate the child in habits of Oral Hygiene; and

Resolved — That in the aim to attain prevention of systemic and dental disease —

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- a. No defect is too slight to receive definite attention.
- b. The temporary teeth should receive as much care as the permanent ones in order to promote the proper development of the jaws and head, and to maintain function.
- c. Particular care and attention should be given to developmental pits and fissures, whether occurring in primary or secondary teeth, or whether decay is or is not present, and

Resolved — That the Mass. Dental Society declares for the principles and practice of Children's Dentistry, and maintains that the most effective dentistry that can be done on any individual is the service rendered between the second and fourteenth years of age, and

Resolved — That this Society calls upon all dentists to uphold these fundamental principles, and to do everything possible to promote the practice of Children's Dentistry by professional and public education, and in public and private practice.

We very much want the endorsement of the leading, thinking men of the profession, and if you can support our position a letter from you to that effect would be much appreciated.

The letters would not be used for publication, but would be filed for inspection at our Exhibit Booth. Just a line or two over your Signature would help a lot.

Yours truly,

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520 Beacon St., Boston.

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COMMITTEE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

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*Extract of the Proceedings of the Session of the F.  
D. I. in Geneva 1925.*

„Mr. J. S. Bruske reads the report of the H. C.  
„Adopted.”

„Mr. Aguilar asks that the F. D. I. will take advan-,,  
„tage of its session at Geneva to put themselves into,,  
„contact with the Hygiene Committee of the League of,,  
„Nations. Adopted.”

„Mr. Guy in place of Mr. Brophy takes the chair,,  
„and proposes that the president of the H. C. enters,,  
„into relation with the League of Nations. Adopted.”

In consequence hereof the following letter was written  
to the Hygiene Committee of the League of Nations.

Gentlemen, 1)

The F. D. I. representing all international dental organizations of  
32 countries, was founded during the 3rd International Dental  
Congress in Paris in 1900.

They display their activities by the aid of working commissions,  
among which the Hygiene Commission occupies a prominent place.

During the last session of the F. D. I. at Geneva in August 1925  
the undersigned, president and secretary of H. C. have been charged  
by the Executive Council, by the agency of their president, to enter  
into relation with your illustre League.

Therefore they beg to attract your attention to the value of the  
work performed by the H. C. F. D. I., for the benefit of oral hygiene  
of the nations in particular, and of public health in general.

The H. C. F. D. I. has for its object to study especially,

1. conditions of oral hygiene of the nations.
2. the influence resulting from mouth diseases on the general con-  
ditions of health of individuals and nations, such as diseases of the  
digestive canals, intestines and the consequence of the diseases.

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1) translated from french.



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3. the means to improve, if necessary, oral hygiene conditions:
  - a. by propagating dental care at school, in order that the oncoming generation may reach the age of maturity with their mouth in a good condition.
  - b. to assist in bringing at the command of the great mass of the people the necessary treatment and dental care, of which they are generally deprived, owing to social and economic reasons.

Its aim extends still in another sense, e.i. the study of prevention of certain occupational diseases, such as, caries of confectioners, occurring with all those who work in industries of bakers, pastry and sweets; further on oral diseases occurring on glassmakers, musicians utilizing wind-instruments; oral diseases in large industries such as blast-furnaces, mines, sawing-mills, etc., resulting in wounds of jaws and teeth; diseases of mouth and mucous membrane, as well as the organs in which the teeth are fixed, occurring in chemical factories etc.

The H. C. is engaged in the research of the causes of said diseases and of the measures that might lead towards prevention, curing and suppression of these evils.

To this end the H. C. makes use of the means presented by science and study of social conditions, in order to be able to combat these unfavorable conditions.

The H. C. takes the liberty of drawing your attention to the preceding considerations, in the understanding that your committee is engaged in similar problems in general and which might assist in solving the problems in course of being studied by the H. C. F. D. I.

The H. C. place themselves gladly at your command to give you all such information as you may desire regarding the subject.

The president of the H. C. (s.) Prof. Dr. E. JESSEN, Basel.

(s.) J. S. BRUSKE, Secretary.

REPLY FROM THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS TO THE  
SECRETARY OF THE H. C.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.<sup>(1)</sup>

Geneva, Dec. 2, 1925.

Mr. Secretary,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th in which you have been good enough to offer to the Hygiene Committee of the League of Nations the cooperation of H. C. F. D. I. in the struggle against diseases of a dental nature.

The H. C. L. o. N., certainly appreciates this kind offer and will not fail to avail themselves of it as soon as occasion arises.

As you know, the H. C. endeavours to effectuate international collaboration in the domain of public hygiene and in the struggle against diseases. It is well understood that the sanitary administration of any country is a cause of the Government of that country and not of the H. C. L. o. N. However, dental hygiene, constitutes a considerable interest to the H. C. and within short its study shall be probably considered in the course of an enquiry bearing on the organization of school hygiene in various countries, which shall be undertaken at the suggestion of the Japanese delegate of the H. C.

The program of the H. C. F. D. I. is exceedingly interesting and I thank you heartily to have been good enough to explain your activity in detail.

I thank you as well for the Bulletin of the F. D. I. which you have addressed to us.

For the Medical Director  
(s.) NORMAN WHITE.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Dear Sir, <sup>1)</sup>

Geneva.

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 2nd and in reply to our letter of the 10th of November and beg to express our great satisfaction with regard to your interest thereon in our activities.

We shall be very pleased to hear what further considerations will be given to our letter in your Committee on account of our letter.

We remain, Dear Sir, Yours truly.

(s.) Prof. Dr. E. JESSEN, President. (s.) J. S. BRUSKE, Secretary.

<sup>1)</sup> translated from french