

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE

MINNESOTA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS FOR THE YEAR 1939

TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF THE MINNESOTA STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION:-

GREETINGS:-

The personnel of the Board is as follows:-

Dr. J. B. Towey, President.....	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Dr. E. J. Gish, Vice-President.....	Le Center, Minnesota
Dr. George R. Metcalf,.....	Barnesville, Minnesota
Dr. M. E. Bonner.....	Saint Paul, Minnesota
Dr. Elmer J. Sundby, Secretary-Treasurer.....	Duluth, Minnesota

In giving you the financial report, you will note that it is for the calendar year from December 31, 1938, to December 31, 1939. This is for the same period that a similar report is made to the Governor of Minnesota. Heretofore, our report to the House of Delegates has been for the fiscal year from July 1 to June 30.

For your information, these are two items of expense which should be explained, because they do not come up each year. They are the expense of publishing and distributing the Roster, and the expense incident to the moving of the Secretary's office from Crookston to Duluth. The combined totals of these two items amount to approximately \$650.00. This accounts for a slightly lower balance on December 31, 1939, than on December 31, 1938.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand December 31, 1938.....		\$17049.23
Registration fees from Dentists.....	\$5257.10	
Registration fees from Hygienists.....	315.00	
Registration fees from Delinquent Dentists.....	106.00	
Registration fees from Delinquent Hygienists...	2.00	
Penalties from Dentists and Dental Hygienists..	295.00	
Examination Fees from Dentists.....	2228.15	
Examination Fees from Dental Hygienists.....	280.00	
Total Receipts.....		<u>8480.25</u> \$25529.48

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary of Secretary.....	\$1200.00	
Detective Service and Operatives.....	117.20	
Detective Service Travel Expense.....	13.00	
Per Diem of Board Members.....	2740.00	
Examination Expense at University.....	130.00	
Per Diem of Attorney for Board.....	1425.00	
Travel Expense of Attorney for Board.....	43.15	
Stationery and Office Supplies.....	88.66	
Scientific Educational Supplies.....	4.50	
Per Diem 2 Board Members (Commission).....	40.00	
Public Stenographer.....	.85	
Postage.....	600.00	
Telephone and Telegraph.....	1330.03	
Travel Expense Board Members.....	1108.77	
Freight, Express, and Drayage.....	107.42	
Printing and Binding.....	657.83	
Engrossing Licenses.....	50.50	
Light.....	.25	
Rent.....	125.00	
Repairs.....	2.50	
Miscellaneous, Bond Pre. & Dues N.A.D. Exmns..	170.40	
Furnishings.....	9.40	
Refunds.....	2.00	
Balance on hand December 31, 1939.....		<u>8769.46</u> \$16760.02

Two special meetings and one executive meeting were held, otherwise all business was conducted during regular meetings for examinations in June and December.

Number of Licenses granted Dentists by Examination.....	88
Number of Licenses granted Hygienists by Examination.....	28
Number of Licenses of Dentists revoked account deceased.....	20
Number of Licenses of Dentists revoked by request.....	3
Number of Licenses of Dentists revoked non paymt. Reg. Fee.....	14
Number of Licenses of Hygienists revoked non-paymt. Reg. Fee.....	14
Number of Licenses of Dentists in good standing.....	2769
Number of Licenses of Dentists in-State.....	2288
Number of Licenses of Dentists Out-Of-State.....	461
Number of Licenses of Dentists Foreign.....	20
Number of Licenses of Hygienists in good standing.....	346
Number of Licenses of Hygienists In-State.....	289
Number of Licenses of Hygienists Out-of-State.....	55
Number of Licenses of Hygienists Foreign.....	2

The attached copy of the report of our Attorney, Joseph M. Donahue is hereby made a part of this report to give you an idea of the legal work done.

Respectfully submitted,

Elmer J. Sundby, Secretary-Treasurer  
Minnesota State Board of Dental  
Examiners

Duluth, Minnesota  
January 13, 1940

January 11, 1940.

Dr. E. J. Sundby, Sec'y-Treas.,  
Board of Dental Examiners  
805 Medical Arts Building  
Duluth, Minnesota.

Dear Doctor Sundby:

The following is a report of my activities as attorney for the Board of Dental Examiners for the year January 1st, 1939 to and including December 31st, 1939.

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Dr. C. J. Maetzold, a practitioner of Red Wing, Minnesota, was cited before the Board to answer for his actions regarding illegal advertising in newspapers of Red Wing in that said Dr. Maetzold advertised as practicing without causing pain; using a system, formula or method to alleviate pain; advertising by means of a larger advertisement than that allowed by law. Dr. Maetzold appeared before the Board on April 4, 1939. After a full hearing and after due consideration by the Board of all the facts and circumstances surrounding such advertising, Dr. Maetzold was censured by the Board. His license was not suspended or revoked however upon his promise to cease such advertising in the future.

Dr. H. C. Stone and Dr. E. S. Hagquist, practicing at Greenbush, Minnesota and Milaca, Minnesota, respectively were summoned before the Board to answer for the issuance of a great number of prescriptions for intoxicating liquor. It was apparent from the number of prescriptions issued in each case that said prescriptions were not used for medicinal purposes. The hearing on the matter was held at Minneapolis on the 29th of June, 1939. Both dentists appeared at the hearing. After a full and complete hearing it was decided by the Board that the prescriptions were issued by such dentists in ignorance of the law. It was therefore ordered that the dentists involved be excused on their promise to desist from writing any prescriptions for liquor in the future.

Dr. E. J. Sundby

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Dr. A. A. Steinfeldt, Brainerd, Minnesota, was cited before the Board of Dental Examiners on the 6th day of September, 1939, to answer for illegal advertising, in that he practiced under the name of "Dr. Steinfeldt Dentists Clinic"; advertised as "specializing in extractions and dental plates" when in truth and in fact he was engaged in the general practice of dentistry, and finally that he maintained signs on the premises wherein he practiced which signs were in violation of law. After a full and complete hearing, it was ordered by the Board that the license of Dr. Steinfeldt to practice dentistry in the State of Minnesota, be suspended for a period of ten (10) days.

There were no proceedings in the Courts of the State as far as the Board was concerned.

A summary of other matters to which I attended during the period stated is as follows:

- 5 Attendances at Board Meetings
- 11 Reports to Board
- 4 Resolutions and Orders prepared for Board
- 1 Regulation prepared for Board
- 13 Opinions to Board on Board matters
- 3 Cases before Board
- 4 Conferences with investigator
- 18 Conferences with Board members
- 19 Investigations of practitioners to determine if practice is legal
- 25 Notices to violators of dental laws
- 8 Conferences with practitioners relating to dental law, and its violation by them.
- 3 Citations to appear before Board prepared and issued.
- 26 Letters to Board members
- 1 Investigation of Laws of other state to determine the authority of Board to enter into reciprocal relations with such state.

A letter was also sent to each licensed and registered dentist calling his attention to the infractions most commonly met with by the Board. It is my opinion that this letter had a great deal to do with removing many objectionable features of the practice and that today the State of Minnesota might well be said to be the outstanding state in the fight to outlaw the unlawful practice of dentistry. This, of course, is due to the wholehearted support of the members of the profession given to the Board of Dental Examiners.

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Yours very truly  
*E. J. Sundby*

Hon. Harold E. Stassen  
The Governor of Minnesota  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

My dear Governor:

In accordance with Section 2, Chapter 95, Laws of 1935, I take pleasure in reporting to you the proceedings and the items of receipts and disbursements of the Board of Dental Examiners for the calendar year 1939

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