ARTICLE IV.

Virginia State Dental Association.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, NOVEMBER 1, 1876.

Dear Sir—Your attention is respectfully asked to the following “Circular” from the President of our “State Dental Association,” announcing the postponement of the meeting for this year, the list of “Standing Committees,” and notice of the time and place of meeting for the year 1877.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

John W. Scribner, D. D. S.

Corresponding Secretary.

CIRCULAR.

FARMVILLE, VA., Nov. 1st, 1876.

To the Members of the “State Dental Association of Virginia,” and the Profession Generally, Residing and Practicing within the State:

Gentlemen.—The Centennial Celebration at Philadelphia, and the several meetings of dental conventions and associations held in that city during the present year having attracted most, if not all, the members of our State Association, and rendered it improbable, in view of the stringency of the times, that we would have a full or general attendance at our regular annual meeting in December, and for other reasons and considerations, the wisdom and policy of which we recognize and approve, it has been determined by the Executive Committee of the Association to recommend that no meeting be held during the present year, A. D., 1876.

We therefore announce to the profession in the State of Virginia, and to the members of our Association, that the annual December meeting for 1876 will not be held; that
the officers, both elected and appointed, will hold over to the next annual meeting, which will be held in the City of Richmond, the second Monday in December, 1877, at which a full and general attendance is desired.

The profession in the State, not now members of our organization, and our professional friends abroad, are earnestly and cordially invited to meet with us on that occasion.

The following are the regular Standing Committees, established by the constitution adopted at the last annual meeting, and as the interest and value of our transactions is so largely dependent upon the reports of these several committees, we cannot too earnestly urge the faithful performance of the duties assigned the gentleman composing them. In this connection we beg to ask the attention of the committees to the following articles of our new and amended Constitution:

**Article 1.**—Section 1.—It shall be the duty of each member of a committee to make an individual report, so far as such report can be made, and in case of inability to be present at the meeting at which such report is due, to forward it to the Recording Secretary, from whom it may be obtained by the chairman of each committee respectively at the time of the assembling of the Association.

Section 2d.—Each committee shall report, if practicable, the results of original investigations in their several departments, and also such new matter collected from all sources at their command as may be of interest and profit to the Association.

Section 3d.—The Committee on Operative and Mechanical Dentistry shall thoroughly test and report upon all new models and materials, and upon their physical properties, stating clearly why any particular material or mode of practice should claim attention, and giving tabulated lists of successes and failures, so far as may be attainable.”

**REGULAR STANDING COMMITTEES.**

*Committee on Publication*—Dr. S. H. Henkel, Staunton, Va.; Dr. L. Sydnor, Salem, Va.; Dr. Frank Harris, Harrisonburg, Va.
Committee on Operative Dentistry.—Dr. James F. Thompson, Fredericksburg, Va.; Dr. C. A. Mercer, Richmond, Va.; Dr. G. A. Sprinkel, Culpeper, Va.

Committee on Mechanical Dentistry.—Dr. J. Hall Moore, Richmond, Va.; Dr. George Chewning, Fredericksburg, Va.; Dr. E. R. Perron, Lovingston, Va.

Committee on Dental Education and Literature.—Dr. James Johnston, Staunton, Va.; Dr. George F. Keesee, Richmond, Va.; Dr. Gutielsmus Smith, Louisa C. H., Va.

Committee on Dental Pathology.—Dr. George B. Steel, Richmond, Va.; Dr. John W. Scribner, Charlottesville, Va.; Dr. A. C. Smith, Louisa C. H., Va.

Committee on Physiology, Histology Microscopy and Chemistry.—Dr. Judd B. Wood, Richmond, Va.; Dr. W. Leigh Burton, Richmond, Va.; Dr. F. A. Jeter, Richmond, Va.

W. W. H. Thackston, President.

John W. Scribner, D. D. S., Cor. Secretary.

ARTICLE V.

External Use of Salicylic Acid.

This remedy seems destined, if we judge from the great variety of therapeutical purposes to which it has already been successfully applied, to reach a high stand in the Materia Medica, and displace many from the positions they have long occupied. Its value as an antiseptic is likely to be the most conspicuous of its merits. Applied to the skin it appears to arrest certain morbid processes, deodorizes foul ulcerating surfaces, re-establishes actions of health, and rapidly cures after other approved measures have failed to be of service. One of the effects of this acid is undoubtedly that of an irritant. If some of the powder be mixed with water and swallowed, disagreeable, smart-
certain cases frequent, and we are again compelled to “try fresh fields and pastures new.” Knowing this, I venture to add my mite to the troubled science. It has for some time appeared to me a strange way of restoring so delicate an organism as the pulp to health by treating it with such gentle means as strong nitric acid, arsenic and a few more remedies running from one extreme to the other. My failures have been so frequent in all that I have tried, that I was induced to seek for a body which would place the pulp under the same conditions as those in which it lived and flourished; in fact, to try and replace the lost dentine. I have found such means in gelatinised phospho-carbonate of lime which is capable of being rendered very plastic for a short time and hardening very quickly. In pulps which have been exposed for some time I have found it requisite to mix with the compound a little tannic acid, but even in those cases I finish at one visit. I take care to saturate the cavity at starting with glycerine, so that the air may be kept from the pulp while freely exposing it; after thoroughly removing all the decomposed parts, I place the gelatinised lime over the pulp, and using pressure until a slight sense of pain is felt, I accelerate the hardening of the lime with absolute alcohol. So soon as it is hard, I then treat as an ordinary case and plug at once. My success has been so constant with it that I have now lost all my former fears of failure in conservative treatment of the dental pulp. It may be the means employed are not new, but whether it be so or not, it has proved in my practice a means of saving many a tooth otherwise condemned by the forceps.—Monthly Review of Dental Surgery.

Alumni Meeting.—The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, will be held at the College Building, Baltimore, on Friday, March 9th, 1877, commencing at 10 A. M.
The Thirty-Seventh Annual Commencement will take place on the evening of the same day, at the Academy of Music. All Graduates of the College, and others interested in Dental Science, are cordially invited to be present.

SAML. J. COCKERILLE, of Class of 1853,
President.

WM. B. WISE, of Class of 1874,
Cor. Secretary.
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