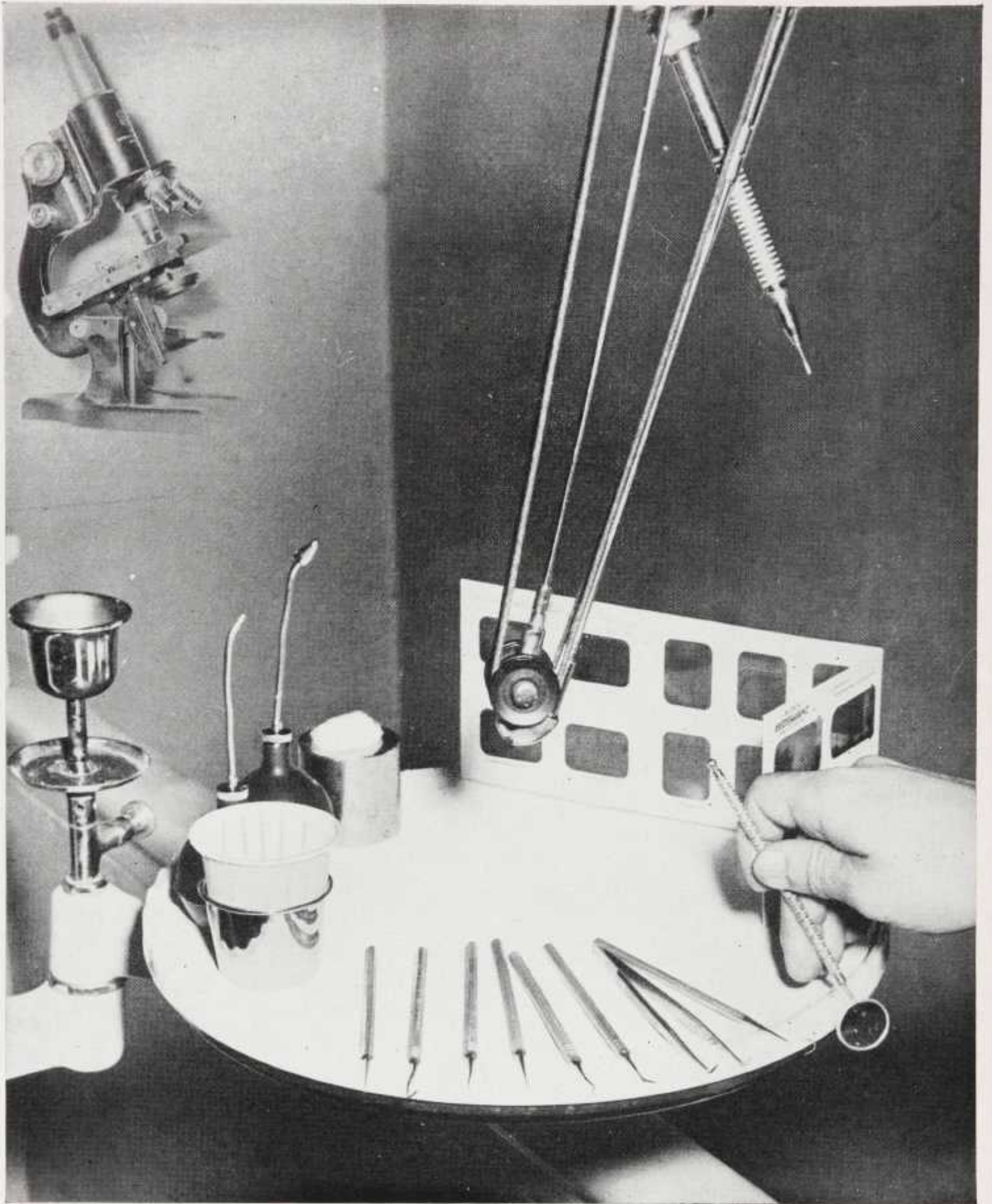


# DENTISTRY



"If I can stop one heart from breaking  
I shall not live in vain,  
If I can ease one life the aching  
Or cool one pain, . . .  
I shall not live in vain."



DEAN RUSSELL A. DIXON

### *To the Senior Class in Dentistry, 1949*

**T**HERE will be mutual rejoicing in that memorable hour when you will come to realize the fruition of your professional aspiration. At this hour, the University will "confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, with all of the rights, privileges, and duties pertaining thereto." With these time-honored words, there comes to you that historic charge which learned men in their seasoned wisdom have regarded as all-inclusive of what rewards you reasonably may expect from the acquisition of an education and, conversely, what society reasonably may expect of you because of your special educational advantages.

What are the rights of you who have achieved professional status? What are your privileges? What are your duties? Your rights are those which come to you who, in the light of your professional and scientific knowledge and ethical behavior, deserve the respect, confidence, and good-will of your fellow men. Your privileges are your unique opportunities for service which dispel the suffering and insure the well-being of those who confidently lean upon you for the preservation and restoration of health. Your duties, attendant with rights and privileges, are those moral compulsions that require you to give of yourself fully, conscientiously, tirelessly, and courageously—all that you have acquired whenever and wherever your services are needed for the physical and spiritual blessings of all mankind.

With a wholesome regard for the composite of these three abstractions—rights, privileges, and duties—the concrete structure of professional maturity will be manifest in you. Therefore, with our blessings and confidence which you richly deserve, and with this expression of trust, we rejoice at your outgoing while the world will rejoice at your incoming.

Russell A. Dixon, Dean



Dr. Frank Sykes (right) of the Class of 1918 presents his classmate, Dr. Adolphus Walton, with a scroll from the class in recognition of thirty years' service at Howard University.



DR. ADOLPHUS WALTON  
Professor of Prosthodontia



Dr. Erling Thoen, of the Supreme Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, presents keys to four members of the 1948 graduating class in Dentistry. Left to right: Mrs. Alicia P. Howard, instructor, and recipients Grace E. Byrd, Harold L. Applewhite, Donald C. Fitzroy, and Herman F. Stamps.

## Chapter of National Honor Society in Dentistry Established at H. U.

ASIDE from those mandatory requisites of a first-class school—qualified teachers, a strong curriculum, a well-equipped physical plant, and competent students—no greater recognition can be given to a college than that of being invited and welcomed into membership and association with the national honor society, representative of the highest academic and professional achievement of the particular field involved.

This welcomed recognition came to the College of Dentistry prior to the opening of the spring trimester, 1948, when it was invited to refile a petition for the establishment of a chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, National Honor Society in Dentistry. Unlike the traditional fraternities of campus life, the one objective of Omicron Kappa Upsilon is the recognition and promotion of highest scholarship and character. It is deemed no ordinary achievement or honor, therefore, for the College of Dentistry to have been one of the first schools in the University to be granted a charter and to have installed a component chapter of a truly national honor society.

After many informal discussions by the Faculty of Dentistry, seven of its members of professorial rank submitted a petition, under date of April 11, 1946, to the Supreme Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon for the establishment of a component chapter at Howard University College of Dentistry. This petition was not rejected but it lay tabled during the remainder of the period that the College of Dentistry was "approved provisionally" by the Council on Dental Education.

When, at a meeting of the Council on Dental Education, held in Chicago on February 5, 6, 1948, the College of Dentistry was voted "approved" on a fully accredited basis, it paved the way for the Dental College to renew its petition for a chapter. However, before this request was made, the Supreme Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, under date of February 28, 1948, invited the College to file another petition for a component chapter. Such a petition was filed again on March 2, 1948, by the original seven signatories, and on April 1, 1948, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Supreme Chapter wrote: "The Executive Committee of the Supreme Chapter of the Society has approved the petition and it has been submitted to the Component Chapter for their consideration."

On May 15, 1948, the Secretary announced that a charter had been granted and, with his congratulations, advised that the chapter members proceed at once to effect an organization. A meeting was held on May 18, at which time, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Supreme Chapter, officers for the newly created Pi Pi Chapter were elected as follows: Percy A. Fitzgerald, President, John A. Turner, Vice-President, and Raymond L. Hayes, Secretary-Treasurer. The other charter members were: Russell A. Dixon, C. Carnot Evans, Emmett J. Scott, and Adolphus Walton.

Installation of the chapter was held on June 2, 1948, on which occasion Dr. Erling Thoen, Secretary-Treasurer of the Supreme Chapter, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, located at the University of Iowa, presented President Mordecai W. Johnson with the charter for Pi Pi Chapter, and also presented each member with his key.

The following members of the June, 1948, graduating class were the first Howard University students to be elected to the Society: Harold L. Applewhite, Grace E. Byrd, Donald C. Fitzroy, and Herman F. Stamps.

Other alumni members elected at this time were Benjamin Day Boyd, Roland O. Groomes, Herman E. Gaskins, Joseph L. Henry, John A. Jackson, Richard K. Otagaki, and Robert H. Thompson, Sr. The honorary member chosen was Robert M. Hendrick, Sr.



OUR STAFF AND FACULTY

Left to right—First row: Doris Edwards; Miss Mary Blakemore; Miss Pauline Stamps; Ruth Hinton; Dr. Percy A. Fitzgerald, Head of Dept. of Prosthodontia; Dr. C. C. Evans, Supt. of Clinics; Dr. R. L. Hayes, Head of Dept. of Oral Medicine; Dr. John A. Turner, Head of Dept. of Oral Surgery; Mrs. Harry Leak; Alice O. Ford; Lillian Clinton; Frances May Dent.

Second row: Dr. Herman E. Gaskins, Head of Dept. of Operative Dentistry; Dr. Adolphus Walton; Dr. Russell A. Dixon, Dean of College; Dr. Kwan Boo Park; Dr. Harry McLinn, Acting Head of Dept. of Orthodontics.

Third row: Dr. Benjamin A. Boyd; Dr. Garrett G. Ridgley; Dr. Grace Byrd; Dr. N. Griffiths; Dr. H. Stamps.

Fourth row: Dr. S. Jackson; Dr. F. Perry; Dr. C. Tuckson; Dr. R. Groomes.

Fifth row: Miss M. Johnson; Mrs. Eggleton; Dr. Calhoun; Dr. Carson; interns; Mrs. Warfield; Mrs. Booth; Miss Gamble; Mr. Vernon; Mrs. McFarland; and Mrs. Washington.



Dr. Garrett G. Ridgley  
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# Our Contemporaries



**THE SOPHOMORE CLASS**  
William B. Shropshire, President



**THE JUNIOR CLASS**  
Leonard Altemus, President



**THE FRESHMAN CLASS**  
Cyril L. Brown, President

*A Message to the  
Women of the Graduating Classes*

To break the ice of an undertaking is difficult. If the obstacles do not yield at some given point, we imagine that we have made no headway. In any large or prolonged undertaking we are likely to take too limited a view of the progress we are making, however, the women in dentistry and dental hygiene have proved to a large degree their value to the profession and their right to consider themselves a part of its progress. We cannot change the past, but our spirit at this moment will in some measure shape our future. At this commencement one goal has been reached . . . with sustained hope and courage each future encounter shall be equally successful.

—Alicia McKinney Howard



**Freshman Class of Dental Hygiene**



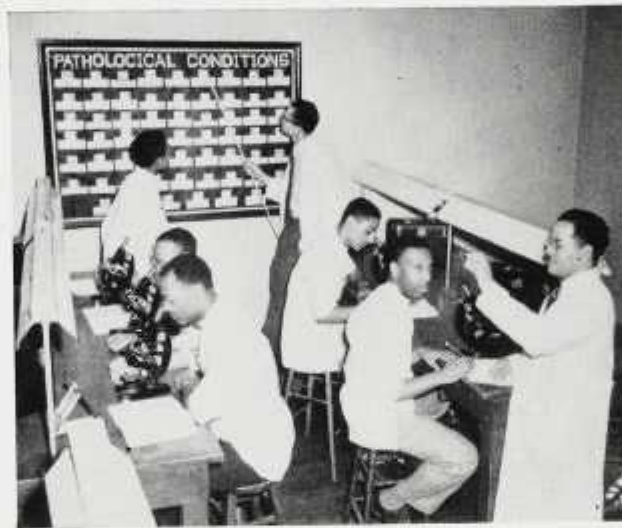
**Dr. Ridgley, Dean Dixon and the Senior Class of Dental Hygiene**



**"Let us always permit nature to take her own way; she better understands her affair than we."**



**"Continuous application leads to perfection."**



**"It is not to be imagined that he should know the remedies of diseases who knows not their original causes."**



**"The hand must follow the educated mind and the trained eye."**



**"The power of observation is the forerunner of all successful treatment."**



# Class History



"Dear Student,

**I**T GIVES me pleasure to inform you that your application for admission to the Howard University College of Dentistry has been accepted. . . ."

So read 26 stalwart, ambitious young men in the fall of 1945 and subsequently entered the hallowed halls of the old dental school (we shall call it the old dental school since we, as the class before us, were promised that we'd graduate from the new building). We were an odd crew, gathered from all parts of the eastern half of the United States, the Virgin Islands, Trinidad, and British Guiana, married, near married, single, gay, somber, scared, determined, ex-G.I.'s, 4F's, and the too-young-for-drafting.

We, 26 embryonic young (most of us, that is) dentists, fresh from college and other less mentally strenuous pursuits, were projected post-haste into an assembly line, supersonic, post-war dental education.

Our first shock hit the class at 8:00 A.M. on our first day of school when Dr. "Talkathon" Wilkerson strode into Bio-chem lecture a-talkin' away . . . having started the lecture half-way down the aisle. The class was already two paragraphs behind and, except for "Ike" Henderson with his shorthand, no member of the class ever caught up.

Dr. Mose Young somewhat simplified our freshman year by giving us "the great secret of learning—open the book and read!" The verbose Dr. Cobb blew our egos into bloom with his constant insistence that we were the cream of 13,000,000, only to have Dr. "Mother" Moore shatter the bubble of illusion with her quiet invitations to "come upstairs" with her (said the spider to the fly). Our successes with Dean Dixon's Introduction to Operative and our elation over learning Dental Nomenclature buoyed us up again, but Dr. Scott administered the usual pin-in-the-bubble by issuing **another** piece of wax after he'd seen the anomalies we presumed to call reproductions of normal anatomy.

We weathered the storm of lab practicals, bio-chem exams, formaldehyde tears "in the cool of the evening," Dr. "Monotone" McKinney's lecture on warm afternoons (where "norcelepsy" Henderson should have been decorated for dive bombing) and hours of "peepin' down that barrel." We managed to stay afloat until those last terrific two weeks when both barrels opened a barrage—spring exams: the famous cadaver waltz, bacteriology, neuro-anatomy, etc.

After a half summer's suspense we were **all** invited to return that fall as sophomores. Our second year in the battle of the books, bottles, and brains, and "dogies" beset with

no end of difficulties, phobias, and long to be remembered sounds, "Is the dog still breathing?", "If you can't tool that foil on the manikin, unscrew the tooth." We waded through more practicals, picROTOXIN, spot quizzes, x-ray mounting, ethics, operative armamentaria, bad luck with castings, and the long hours of patience that too often ended in defeat and another "blowin' away" finally to get our "M.D.'s" at the end of the second quarter. We rejoiced, but the preclinical battle was still ahead of us.

Then, summer, and 23 weary, but happy veterans were turned loose on the unsuspecting public—the clinic at last! Calculus and stains, prophys and mouth exams for two weeks, then that first Class I—pulp fever, pathological exposures, red tape, patient psychology, rocking foils, and the sickening sound of an amalgam cracking as you removed the matrix.

Ascending to the upper classes brought relief from burning the midnight oil, but substituted sore feet and aching backs as the Class of '49 plunged into the struggle for points like a colony of beavers. Our junior year wasn't all sweat and tears for Banks and Fabio and Sparks took time out to say their "I do's." Johnson and Wray added a member to their families (thanks for the cigar, Charlie), and Stripling and Brown entered Greekdom via Alpha and Omega, respectively.

We started pedodontia after the first quarter and the clinic was overrun with gremlins squirting water, riding the chairs Tom Mix style, and playing havoc in general. Before the year was over Brown, Smith, and Stripling had received commissions with the U.S. Army and were sporting their uniforms to classes.

Through the heat of the summer of '48 we pyramided our points far above the junior requirement. We paused for a moment to gather some lounge points and count our blessings.

The embryonic doctors of dental surgery having graduated from crown and bridge à la dentiform to crown and bridge à la oral cavity, from the ivories (on dentiforms) to the ivories, from surgery lectures to blood, bone, and bi-zygomatic fractures, from prosthetic dentistry to prosthodontia, we were a proud and confident crew.

Aside from the "blood, sweat, and tears" associated with the dental school, we had our share of bad luck. In our junior year Sidney Burnette suffered illness, but was able to join us in the senior year that fall. "Chew" Berry had to drop out the second quarter of the junior year because of illness which would not permit him to catch up with us. We wish him good luck and good health for next year.



**"Precision mingled with knowledge and intelligence . . ."**



**". . . for today is the sure preparation for tomorrow."**

**"In the healing arts, as in anything else, a success is one who has acquired the habit of succeeding."**



**"Precision, knowledge, and perseverance."**



Members of the Junior Class are shown in the General Clinic of the College of Dentistry. Congress has authorized \$1,805,430 for a new building to house the College. Construction will begin in the very near future.

## *Dental School Accredited*

### AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION'S COUNCIL ON DENTAL EDUCATION FULLY APPROVES H. U. COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

**T**HE COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY of Howard University has been accredited with full approval by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association, according to an announcement in a recent issue of the Journal of the American Dental Association.

Dr. Russell A. Dixon, Dean of the College of Dentistry, on being asked to confirm the report, stated that he had been officially notified of the accreditation by Dr. Harlan H. Horner, Secretary of the Council on Dental Education.

The official report of the Survey Committee to Dean Dixon stated, in part, that "Howard continues to enroll a high percentage of college graduates. She stood in the first four schools in this regard in the original survey (in June, 1943) and apparently has not lost her place."

Other dental schools fully accredited by the association at its recent meeting were:

The School of Dentistry of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at San Francisco, Calif., the School of Dental Medicine of Harvard University at Boston, Mass., the School of Dentistry of St. Louis University at St. Louis, Mo., and the

School of Dentistry of Temple University at Philadelphia, Pa.

In an interview, Dean Dixon stated that within a few years the Dental School will be housed in a new building which is to be erected on available space adjacent to the existing Medical School building. For this building, Congress authorized, prior to July 1, 1947, an appropriation of \$42,480 for advance planning and of the same date made an additional authorization of \$1,805,430 for the construction of the building. Dr. Dixon indicated further that the building coordinator, Julian Cook, has practically completed his work in connection with the plans, and the actual process of construction will begin in the near future.

Dean Dixon stated further that "one of the most outstanding gifts that has come to any of the dental schools in America in recent years came from the late Dr. Louise C. Ball, a dentist of New York, who for twenty years was a member of the Board of Trustees of Howard University.

"Her everlasting interest in dental education was manifested in her gift of \$334,697.21, specifically to the College of Dentistry of Howard University for postgraduate studies of its faculty and alumni."



Dr. John A. Turner, Head of the Department of Oral Surgery, center, holds consultation concerning an interesting case with several members of the Dental School staff.



Dr. Raymond L. Hayes, Head of the Department of Oral Medicine, discusses Root Canal Therapy with visiting dentists, faculty, and students at the mid-winter clinic.

This sum also provides for scholarships for women in dentistry and in dental hygiene, and for several prizes which had been offered by Dr. Ball for many years.

Two members of the faculty are already receiving graduate training under Louise C. Ball Fellowship grants. Dr. Harry M. McLinn, who has been appointed Assistant Professor of Orthodontics, is one of the recipients of a fellowship grant. He graduated from the Dental College in 1944, and is currently pursuing postgraduate studies at Columbia University.

The other recipient, Dr. Norman H. C. Griffiths, a graduate of the Class of 1947 who has been appointed Assistant Professor of Prosthodontia, is now taking postgraduate courses at Northwestern University.

"With this outstanding contribution, there should never be any remission in the progressive development of the faculty and of the alumni," Dr. Dixon added.



Dr. Harlan H. Horner, Secretary of the Council of Dental Education of the American Dental Association, speaks.



Dr. Russell A. Dixon, seated at desk, confers with Don M. Vernon, Business Agent of the College, and several members of the Dental School faculty. The group includes Drs. Turner, Hayes, Ridgely, Boyd, and Fitzgerald.



Dr. R. Gordon Agnew, dean of the West China Union University Dental School, is shown delivering a stirring address on "Professional Maturity" at the Dental School Honors Night Banquet held during Commencement Week.

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