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Dr. Carl W. Maxfield, Secretary
Board of Dental Examiners,
31 Central Street,
Bangor, Maine.

Dear Doctor:

I did not reply to your letter of October 14 because it seemed to say that Dr. Sturtleff was coming in to see me, and I understood that you did not require any reply until he had been in. He appeared in the office yesterday and Judge Fogg and I had a long talk with him. He had with him certificate from the Massachusetts Board of Dental Examiners showing that he was licensed to practice dentistry in Massachusetts July 16, 1904, and which had been kept renewed in accordance with the Massachusetts practice every year, including 1940, so that apparently at the time he came into Maine, he was lawfully practicing dentistry in Massachusetts, and that was prior to our date of 1913.

He says that since April first he has done some small amount of dental work, making a bridge, two partial sets of teeth and filling four or five teeth. It would seem to me that unless you feel that he is entitled to registration in Maine, the whole question is whether or not he has practiced dentistry as a specialty in accordance with the provisions of Section 37, which states that the Act shall not apply to doctors, unless they are practicing dentistry as a specialty. He tells me that he has a complete set of dental equipment, so that he is at least holding himself out in a different position than the ordinary doctor who simply pulls a tooth once in a while; but it did not seem to us, if his facts are true, that he was practicing dentistry as a specialty within the meaning of our law.

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The man is apparently what we would call in Maine "a Jack of all trades". He apparently does some masonry work; said he had just been wiring some public building in Clifton- as I remember it a church; and he is not an extremely prepossessing looking professional man.

If your Board feels that he is not entitled to register as a dentist and that he is practicing dentistry as a specialty, I shall be very glad to take any steps which you wish taken to correct the situation in accordance with your wishes.

Very truly yours,

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