I have the honour to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends that it be referred to the Government for consideration with a view to utilizing to the best advantage the services of trained dentists and dental technicians. In the view of the Committee, it would be unwise to permit dental technicians to undertake the range of prosthetic work claimed by the petitioners. It believes, however, that there is room for a larger measure of co-ordination between these two complementary parts of the dental service.

3rd November, 1948.

No. 67—Petition of MARGARET W. YARDLEY and Others

PRAYING for amendment to the social-security legislation to provide for right of appeal against decision of a Hospital Board or other authority controlling a maternity hospital which refuses its concurrence in the patient's choice of a medical practitioner, and for an inquiry by such body as the Hon. the Minister of Health thinks fit into the withdrawal by the Wellington Hospital Board of its concurrence to the petitioners' selection of Dr. H. G. Rix as their medical practitioner.

I am directed to report that the Committee has carefully considered this petition, and recommends for the most favourable consideration of the Government the provision of appeal facilities to the Minister of Health in the event of a Hospital Board or other body or person having control of a maternity hospital refusing concurrence in the selection by a beneficiary of the medical practitioner of her choice.

W. T. ANDERTON, Chairman.

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