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American Medical College Association.

In pursuance of the call of the President, Prof. J. B. Biddle, the Association of American Medical Colleges convened at the Library Room of the Buffalo Medical College, June 3d, at 10 A. M., 1878. The President occupied the chair.

The colleges represented by delegates were the following:

Rush Medical College—Prof. Moses Gunn.

Jefferson Medical College—Prof. S. D. Gross, Prof. J. B. Biddle.

Medical Department University of Louisiana—Prof. J. M. Bodine.

Chicago Medical College—Prof. N. S. Davis.

Miami Medical College—Prof. W. H. Mussey.

Detroit Medical College—Prof. L. Connor, Prof. E. W. Jenks.

Starling Medical College—Prof. H. G. Landis.

Medical Departments Universities of Nashville and Vanderbilt—Prof. T. Menees, Prof. W. T. Briggs.

Louisville Medical College—Prof. A. B. Cook.

Medical Department University of Iowa—Prof. E. F. Clapp, Prof. W. F. Peck, Prof. W. S. Robertson.

Kansas City College Physicians and Surgeons—Prof. T. B. Lester.

Medical Department University of Michigan—Prof. E. S. Dunster, Prof. George E. Frothingham.

Missouri Medical College—Prof. A. P. Lankford.

Bellevue Hospital Medical College—Prof. A. Flint, Jr.

Cleveland Medical College—Prof. H. K. Cushing, Prof. X. C. Scott.

Medical Department University of Wooster—Prof. W. J. Scott.

In accordance with the official call for the meeting, the Association first considered the objection made to the admission of the Medical Department of Howard University. The Secretary gave a verbal statement of the case, and read the official answer to the objections made by the officers of the applying college.

Upon the question of the admission of the Medical Department of Howard University into the Association, twelve colleges voted in the negative, and two in the affirmative, so Howard University was not admitted.

Annual reports were read by the Secretary from the following members:

Medical Department of the University of Louisville.

Jefferson Medical College.

Rush Medical College.

Medical Department University of Iowa.

Medical Department Universities of Nashville and Vanderbilt.

Hospital College of Medicine, Louisville.

Kansas City College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dartmouth Medical College.

Cleveland Medical College.

Missouri Medical College.

Texas Medical College and Hospital.

Bellevue Hospital Medical College.

Louisville Medical College.

Miami Medical College.

College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York.

Detroit Medical College.

Medical Department University of Wooster.

Medical Department University of Michigan.

Chicago Medical College.

Reports had not been received from:

Indiana Medical College.

Medical College of Fort Wayne.

Woman's Hospital Medical College, Chicago.

Medical Department University of Vermont.

Starling Medical College.

Medical Department University of Louisiana.

In its report the "Medical Department of the University of Wooster" stated that it had conferred the honorary degree upon a person only twenty-eight years old, while the law of the Association regulating the conferring of this degree explicitly states that the degree must not be conferred on those under forty years.

In explanation, the delegate stated that they had utterly forgotten this law. In view of this, the Association permitted the offending college to retain its standing. Prior to taking this action, the matter was discussed by Profs. A. Flint, Jr., S. D. Gross, N. S. Davis, X. C. Scott and others.

Prof. A. Flint, Jr., offered the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Association be, and is hereby, directed to furnish once in each year to each and every college member and to each affiliated college a printed list of college members and affiliated colleges, the diplomas and tickets of which are to be recognized by the college members and affiliated colleges; and also to furnish to college members and affiliated colleges a printed list of those colleges (not including irregular colleges) of the United States that are not affiliated, and that are not eligible for membership of the Association, the diplomas and tickets of which are not to be recognized by college members and affiliated colleges; and also to furnish, with said list of colleges not to be recognized, the dates at which said colleges had become ineligible for membership of the Association, and after which the diplomas and tickets of said colleges are not to be recognized."

After being discussed by Profs. Richardson, Davis, Flint, Peck, Cook, Frothingham and Bodine, this resolution was referred to a committee consisting of Profs. N. S. Davis, W. F. Peck, and E. S. Dunster, with instructions to examine into the matter and report at the afternoon session as to the action that would best advance the interests of the Association.

Bellevue Hospital Medical College offered the following amendments to the Articles of Confederation and By-Laws of the Association. They were accompanied by the official indorsement of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York.

Amendment to Section 5, Article V, of the Articles of Confederation of the American Medical College Association:

Instead of "five per cent of the number of matriculants," read "ten per cent of the number of graduates."

The above amendment is proposed for the reason that in certain colleges the matriculation fee is paid but once, and old matriculants may receive a matriculation ticket without paying another fee. Also, the number of graduates always represents the actual class more accurately than the number of matriculants.

Additional Section to Article VII of the By-Laws: Every college member and every affiliated college shall print each year a true list of matriculants of the college for the year, and their preceptors, or the names of the colleges at which the matriculants have graduated, in the cases of those matriculants who are graduates in medicine, and every such college shall also print a true list of the graduates for the year.

The object of this additional section is to provide that every college member of the Association shall have proper public means of information with regard to the matriculants and their preceptors, and the graduates of each college.

Under the rules of the Association these amendments lie over until next year, before action can be taken.

The Association now adjourned till 3 P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Association was called to order by the President at 3 P. M.

The Secretary read the following communication from the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania:

"MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF
PENNSYLVANIA, JUNE, 1878. }

"To the American Medical College Association:

"GENTLEMEN—At the session of this body held in Pittsburgh, May, 1878, the following resolutions were adopted, and directed to be forwarded to you :

"Resolved, That all county medical societies now existing under the regulations of this society, or which may hereafter be so organized, shall, at the next meeting to elect officers following the adoption of this resolution, or at the meeting of officers, when such society shall have been organized, and

annually thereafter, be required to elect three members, to be called Medical Examiners, whose duty it shall be to examine all applicants for admission as students of medicine under the tuition of members of the society; and said committee shall withhold their certificate from any applicant, unless he is of good moral character, possesses a good English education, and a sufficient knowledge of Greek and Latin to enable him to pursue his studies to advantage; and no member of any county society shall receive any person as a student of medicine unless he presents a favorable certificate from this committee.

Resolved, That every member of a county society organized, or which may hereafter be organized under the regulations of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, before receiving any person as a student of medicine, shall require him to enter into a contract to pursue his studies for a period of not less than three years; and it shall be the duty of his preceptor to present him a certificate, countersigned by the Secretary of the local society, of which he is a member, setting forth the facts as above stated.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of all members of the profession holding allegiance to the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, to recommend their students to attend only such medical colleges as rigidly enforce the full three years' course of study in their curriculum, and otherwise conduce to elevate the standard of graduation.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. B. ATKINSON,

Perm. Secretary."

After some desultory discussion, this communication was laid on the table.

Prof. A. Flint, Jr., offered the following :

"WHEREAS, The Nashville Medical College is giving two graduating courses in one year, and accepting three years' practice in lieu of a course of lectures;

Resolved, That the tickets and diplomas of said institution shall not be recognized by this body so long as the said practices are continued."

The preamble and resolution were seconded by Prof. W. F. Peck, and adopted.

Prof. N. S. Davis, to whom were referred Prof. A. Flint's resolutions respecting the registration of American Medical Colleges, according to the standards of the Association, reported back the resolutions in the following form:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Association be, and is hereby directed to furnish once in each year to each and every

college member, and to each affiliated college, a printed list of college members and affiliated colleges, the diplomas and tickets of which may be recognized by the college members and affiliated colleges; and also to furnish to college members and affiliated colleges a printed list of those colleges (not including irregular colleges) of the United States, that have applied for membership, and have been rejected or expelled from the Association, the diplomas and tickets of which are not to be recognized by college members and affiliated colleges; and also to furnish, with said list of rejected colleges not to be recognized, the dates at which said colleges had been excluded from membership of the Association, and after which the diplomas and tickets of said colleges, are not to be recognized."

This report was accepted and adopted. The evident feeling of the Association was that as soon as possible, in justice to all, a more perfect register of American medical colleges must be made.

Prof. S. D. Gross, a delegate from Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, offered the following preamble and resolutions:

"WHEREAS, It is eminently desirable that the medical schools of this country should adopt a uniform system of instruction of a grade fully in accord with the requirements of the age in other branches of study, and with the practice of the medical institutions of Europe; and,

"WHEREAS, All the efforts to bring about such a change on the part of the American Medical Association, of the Association of Medical Teachers assembled at Cincinnati in 1867, and at Washington in 1869, and of different State medical societies, have signally failed; and,

"WHEREAS, The present time seems to be peculiarly favorable for taking strong ground upon the subject, inasmuch as it is now attracting general attention throughout the United States; therefore,

"Resolved, That this Association respectfully and earnestly request that the regularly organized and accredited medical schools of the United States hold at their earliest convenience a meeting for the purpose of adopting some definite and final action upon a subject of such vital importance to the dignity, character and usefulness of the profession and the welfare of the American people.

"Resolved, That in order to impart proper efficiency to this plan each and every college be requested to send two delegates, consisting of one member of each Board of Trustees, and of one member of each Faculty, with full power to act for their respective institutions.

Resolved, That the medical and secular press throughout the United States be respectfully requested to lend their aid in the dissemination and discussion of these preambles and resolutions in order to place the whole matter of medical education prominently before the profession and the people.

Resolved, That a copy of these preambles and resolutions, signed by the President and Secretary of this Association, be transmitted to the officers of every regularly constituted medical college in the United States, with a request to hold the contemplated meeting at Washington City, or at some other central point on the first Wednesday in September next, or as soon thereafter as possible."

Prof. N. S. Davis seconded these preambles and resolutions, and heartily indorsed them.

Prof. T. G. Richardson moved that the time of the proposed meeting be fixed at the Friday preceding the meeting of the American Medical Association, and that the place be designated by the President of this Association. This amendment was adopted, and the preamble and resolutions as amended were adopted.

Prof. Menees offered the following Amendment to the Constitution:

"On page 14, of proceedings of the Association, in Article VI, in line 8, insert after the word rank, 'unless otherwise ordered by the Faculty.'"

Under the rules this was laid over till the next meeting.

The balloting for officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

For President—Prof. J. B. Biddle.

For Vice-President—Prof. N. S. Davis.

For Secretary and Treasurer—Prof. Leartus Connor.

The Treasurer offered the following report, which was accepted:

	<i>Received.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
Annual assessments of 22 colleges.....	\$110 00	
Prof. E. Curtis, for printing, etc		\$35 35
Stationery.....		4 25
700 copies Constitution, By-Laws, etc.....		50 00
Blank books.....		3 65
Printing circulars.....		4 00
Postage and wrappers.....		17 10
Totals.....	\$110 00	\$114 35
Deficit.....		\$4 35

Colleges which have not yet paid their assessment are:

Woman's Medical College of Chicago.

Medical Department University of Vermont.

Hospital College of Medicine, Louisville.

To meet expenses for the ensuing year an assessment of \$5 for each college was ordered.

Dartmouth Medical College offered its resignation as a member of the Association. Laid on the table for one year.

Professors A. Flint, Jr., S. D. Gross, and N. S. Davis were appointed a committee to report to the next meeting of the Association a plan for the registration of medical colleges in good standing.

The Medical College of Fort Wayne, Indiana, having ceased to act under its former charter, and having received a new charter with change of name, it was

Resolved, That under this new charter the College must make application in the regular way for admission into the Association.

The "College of Physicians and Surgeons," of Indianapolis, Ind., the "Medical Department University of Missouri," and the Atlanta Medical College, signified their intention of applying for membership in the Association.

On motion of Prof. S. D. Gross, the thanks of the Association were tendered to the officers of the past year for the efficient manner in which they had performed their duties.

On motion of the Secretary. the Association tendered its thanks to the Faculty of Buffalo Medical College for their courtesies in furnishing commodious rooms for the meetings of the Association.

There being no further business the Association adjourned *sine die*.

J. B. BIDDLE, M. D.,

President.

LEARTUS CONNOR, M. D.,

Secretary.