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Pursuant to the call of its Acting President, Prof. N. S. Davis, the American Medical College Association convened in Atlanta, Ga., at 10 A. M., May 3d, 1879. In appropriate terms Prof. Davis alluded to the death of Prof. J. B. Biddle, the former President of the Association, and suggested the propriety, at the proper time, of a committee to draft resolutions expressive of the high regard and respect entertained for his memory.

The presentation of credentials of delegates being in order, the following were received:

LIST OF DELEGATES.

1. Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa.—Prof. S. D. Gross.
2. Medical Department University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky.—Prof. John E. Crowe and J. M. Bodine.
3. Hospital College of Medicine, Louisville, Ky.—Prof. Dudley S. Reynolds and Robt. L. Breck, D. D.
4. Medical Department Iowa State University, Iowa City, Iowa.—Prof. W. F. Peck.
5. Chicago Medical College, Chicago, Ill.—Profs. N. S. Davis and H. A. Johnson.
6. Detroit Medical College, Detroit, Mich.—Prof. Leartus Connor.
7. Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio.—Prof. Starling Loving.
8. Medical Department Universities of Nashville and Vanderbilt, Nashville, Tennessee.—Profs. Thos. Meneces and W. T. Briggs.

9. Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, Missouri.—Prof. A. P. Lankford.
10. Kansas City College of Physicians and Surgeons, Kansas City, Mo.—Prof. T. B. Lester.
11. Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio.—Prof. John A. Murphy.
12. Louisville Medical College, Louisville, Ky.—Prof. C. W. Kelly.
13. Medical Department Michigan University, Ann Arbor, Mich.—Prof. E. S. Dunster.
14. Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill.—Prof. Moses Gunn.
15. Texas Medical College and Hospital, Galveston, Texas.—Prof. Grensville Dowell.
16. Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio.—Prof. W. W. Dawson.
17. Medical College of State of South Carolina, Charleston, S. C.—Prof. L. P. Chazal and J. F. Prioleau.
18. Medical Department University of Louisiana, New Orleans, La.—Prof. S. E. Chaille and E. S. Lewis.
19. Evansville Medical College, Evansville, Ind.—Prof. G. B. Walker and H. G. Jones.
20. Atlanta Medical College, Atlanta, Ga.—Prof. Jno. T. Johnson, J. H. Logan, J. T. Banks, W. A. Love, W. F. Westmoreland, J. G. Westmoreland, V. H. Taliaferro, and A. W. Calhoun.

During the registration of delegates, the question was raised whether members from boards of trustees could be received as delegates by the Association. After discussion by Profs. Bodine, Gunn, Dunster, Murphy, Reynolds, Menees, Peck and others, the Chair ruled that boards of trustees could only be represented by their executive officer. The Chair said that all other representation as delegates must be from members of the faculty having a vote upon the passage of candidates for graduation.

The gentlemen who, by the ruling of the chair, were debarred from acting as delegates were, by vote of the Association, invited to a seat upon the floor during the session of the Association.

On motion of Prof. Menees, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with—the same having been published last summer.

The consideration of amendments offered last year being in order, Prof. Dunster moved the adoption of the following

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."

Prof. Reynolds offered an amendment, substituting *five* for *ten* per cent.

On vote, both the amendment and original motion were lost.

On motion of Prof. W. T. Briggs, the credentials of Atlanta Medical College were accepted.

The following, offered by Bellevue Hospital Medical College last year, was adopted by the Association:

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 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 following, offered last year by Medical Department of the University of Nashville and Vanderbilt, was now adopted by the Association:

"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.'"

Respecting the charges against the Louisville Medical College and Kentucky School of Medicine, the chair ruled that they could not be considered, for (1) they were preferred by a committee, instead of a college member; and (2) the author of the charges was not present at the meeting, nor had he sent a representative.

The report of the committee appointed last year to present a plan for the registration of colleges in good standing was, in the absence of its author, Prof. A. Flint, Jr., read by the Secretary. This report was received, and its consideration deferred till the afternoon session.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 3 P. M.

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

On motion of Prof. Murphy, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The report of the committee on a plan for the registration of medical colleges being taken from the table, Prof. J. A. Murphy moved that the report, excepting the recommendations concerning a committee on medical colleges, be referred back to the original committee for correction and revision to date, and for greater condensation, with instructions to present it, thus revised, at the next annual meeting of the Association.

After an extended discussion of the questions involved in this motion, by Profs. Murphy, Gross, Dawson, Dunster, Chaille, Reynolds and others, it was finally adopted.

On motion of Prof. Murphy the following recommendations of the committee on a plan for registration were adopted:

(1) That there be appointed each year, by the President of the Association, a standing committee of three, which shall be known as the Committee on Medical Colleges, and that the duties of said committee shall be the following: (a) Said committee shall procure, if possible, each year, the circulars and announcements of all the medical colleges of the United States. (b) The committee shall examine the said circulars and note any provisions therein that appear to violate the requirements of the Association. (c) The committee shall make a report at each annual meeting of the Association, which shall embrace a list of all colleges that violate its requirements, with a full statement of the provisions violated.

The President appointed as the committee called for by the above: Prof. L. Connor, Secretary of the Association, Prof. E. S. Dunster and Prof. Jno. A. Murphy.

The Secretary's report being called for, the following was presented:

The total membership of the American Medical College Association to date is *twenty-eight* active members and one affiliated member. Five colleges have been admitted since the last annual meeting. Four applications are still pending. Indiana Medical College disbanded to become a part of the Medical College of

Indiana—an applicant for membership at the present time. Twenty-one colleges have reported in whole or in part. Reports from three are not due until June:

THE COLLEGES THUS REPORTING ARE :

Cleveland Medical College, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Medical Department University of Louisville, Louisville, Ky  
 Hospital College of Medicine, Louisville, Ky.  
 Medical Department Iowa State University, Iowa City, Iowa.  
 Chicago Medical College, Chicago, Ill.  
 Medical Department University of Wooster, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 Detroit Medical College, Detroit, Mich.  
 Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio.  
 Medical Department Universities of Nashville and Vanderbilt, Nash-  
 Missouri Medical College, St Louis, Mo. [ville, Ten.  
 Kansas City College of Physicians and Surgeons, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Louisville Medical College, Louisville, Ky.  
 Rush Medical College, Chicago, Ill.  
 Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City.  
 Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Medical College of State of South Carolina, Charleston, S. C.  
 Columbus Medical College, Columbus, Ohio.  
 Woman's Hospital Medical College of Chicago, Ill.  
 Medical Department University of Louisiana, New Orleans, La.

COLLEGES WHOSE REPORTS ARE DUE IN JUNE, ARE:

Medical Department University of Vermont.  
 Dartmouth Medical College.  
 Medical Department Michigan University.  
 Kentucky School of Medicine.

COLLEGES WHO HAVE NOT REPORTED, ARE:

\*Jefferson Medical College.  
 \*College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York.  
 \*Texas Medical College and Hospital.  
 \*Alabama Medical College.

The Secretary read the written request of St. Joseph Hospital Medical College for the privilege of withdrawing its application for membership in the Association. The facts in

\*Since the annual meeting these Colleges have made the proper official reports.

the case were as follows: On March 20th, 1879, this College made formal application for membership in the Association, and the application was at once forwarded to each member of the Association. On April 2d, the Secretary received notice that Bellevue Hospital Medical College objected to the admission of the applicant, on the ground that its catalogue showed that it allowed four year's time to count as one course of lectures—this provision being in direct opposition to a provision of the Articles of Confederation.

The objection being forwarded to the St. Joseph Hospital Medical College, it replied that the ground of objection was correct, but that it could not at present so alter its requirements for graduation as to remove the grounds for objection. In view of these facts, it desired to withdraw its application.

The Secretary having no power to comply with the request, presented it to the Association for instructions. After a full discussion of the question, as a matter of privilege the St. Joseph Hospital Medical College was permitted to withdraw its application for membership.

The application of Dartmouth Medical College, for the acceptance of its resignation as a member of the Association, was granted. The ground of this resignation was the alleged inability of Dartmouth to lengthen its course to twenty weeks, as required by the Articles of Confederation at and after 1880.

On motion of Prof. Bodine, it was

*Resolved*, That it is unlawful for credit to be granted to any student for two regular courses when the same are taken within less than fifteen months.

On motion of Prof. Peck, it was decided to make the election of officers the special order of business for 10 o'clock, Monday morning.

On motion of Prof. Bodine, it was

*Resolved*, That gratuitous instruction of medical students by any member of this Association, otherwise than as provided for in sections 3, 4 and 5, Art. V of the Articles of Confederation, is unlawful.

On motion of Prof. Peck, it was

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed by the chair to draft appropriate resolutions on the death of Prof. Biddle.

The chair named as such committee Profs. Dawson, Gross and Gunn.

Prof. Loving presented a report of the proceedings of the Convention of Medical Colleges held in Atlanta, May 2, 1879.

This report was received and made the special order of business on Monday.

Prof. Reynolds offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That members of this Association cannot in any way recognize the tickets of any institution, which, by reason of insufficient lecture term, or insufficient previous period of study are ineligible to membership in this body.

Laid on the table till Monday.

Prof. Bodine offered the following:

*Resolved*, That no school shall be recognized by this body as in good standing, a majority of the members of whose faculty hold chairs in two or more separate schools.

Laid on the table till Monday.

Prof. Chaille offered the following:

*Resolved*, That it shall be considered derogatory to the dignity and good standing of any college represented in this Association to advertise in any other than a strictly medical publication the names of its professors, with their respective chairs. This resolution does not apply to the annual circulars and catalogues issued by the colleges, but to advertising in non-professional periodicals, newspapers, and other like publications, in which only a card calling attention to the advantages of the school, length of session, fees, etc., with the names of the executive officers and secretary appended, should be permitted.

Laid on the table till Monday.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 10 A. M. on Monday.

Pursuant to adjournment, the American Medical College Association was called to order Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The committee to draft resolutions on the death of Prof. J. B. Biddle, reported the following:

(See Memorial page)

On motion, the report was accepted, adopted and ordered to be spread on a memorial page of our official report, and a copy of the same forwarded to the family of deceased.

Election of officers being in order, the ballot was taken with the following result:

President—Prof. S. D. Gross.

Vice-President—Prof. N. S. Davis.

Secretary and Treasurer—Prof. Leartus Connor.

Prof. Starling Loving, Secretary of the "Convention of Medical Colleges," read a report of the meetings of that body held in Atlanta, May 2d, 1879. At that meeting twenty-three colleges were represented by delegates from faculty, or trustees, or both.

The questions discussed by this body were: (1) Should all medical colleges require three regular courses of lectures, in three separate years, as one of the requirements for conferring the degree of M. D.? (2) Should all medical colleges require, before admitting to matriculation, a preliminary examination—such examination embracing, at least, the elements of the physical sciences, in addition to a fair English education?

It was agreed that with such a representation any general or binding action on these, or other questions, was impossible. Meantime, as interchange of views on these questions was regarded as desirable, the entire day was thus occupied.

The questions thus presented were answered by the convention by a vote in the affirmative, and finally referred to the American Medical College Association. The communication was accepted and placed on file.

Prof. Menees offered the following amendments to the Articles of Confederation of the American Medical Association.

Art. II., Sec. 3: For "*two* courses" read *three* courses.

Art. III., Sec. 3, third line: For "*two* regular sessions" read "*three* regular sessions;" fourth line: for "*two* full courses" read "*three* full courses;" sixth line: for "*two* full courses" read "*three* full courses."

Sec. 4: "For *two* yearly regular collegiate sessions" read "*three* yearly collegiate sessions."

Said amendments to take place at and after the sessions of 1882-1883.

The amendments were seconded, and, under the rules, lie over for one year.

It will be seen that these amendments, if adopted, will require the members of the Association to exact three, instead of two regular courses of lectures in three separate years as a condition for conferring the degree of M. D.

Consideration of the second question was laid upon the table for one year.

The following resolution, by Prof. Bodine, was now taken from the table:

*Resolved*, That no school shall be recognized by this body as in good standing, a majority of the members of whose faculty hold chairs in two or more separate schools.

By permission of the Association, Prof. Bodine withdrew this resolution and offered the following amendment to Art. I of the Articles of Confederation:

"The majority of the members of one faculty shall not constitute the majority of the members of another faculty, unless the sessions of the two schools are held simultaneously."

Being seconded, this lies over till next year.

Prof. Dunster offered the following:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Association that the recommendations of the general Convention of Medical Colleges, held at Atlanta, on the second day of May, 1879, ought to be adopted.

This was laid upon the table.

Prof. Chaille called from the table the following:

*Resolved*, That it shall be considered derogatory to the dignity and good standing of any medical college represented in this Association to advertise in any other than a strictly medical publication the names of its professors, with their respective chairs. This resolution does not apply to the annual circulars and catalogues issued by the colleges, but to advertising in non-professional periodicals, newspapers, and other like publications, in which only a card calling attention to the advantages of the school, length of session, fees, etc., with the names of the executive officers or secretary appended, should be permitted.

After full discussion by Profs. Chaille, Dawson, Murphy, Lankford and others, the resolution was adopted.

Prof. Chaille offered the following amendment to the Articles of Confederation:

For Art. VII, as it now stands, read Art. VIII.

Art. VII—Advertisements: No college shall advertise in any other than a strictly medical publication the names of its professors, with their respective chairs.

Being seconded, it lies over till next year for action.

AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGE ASSOCIATION,

TREASURER'S REPORT, MAY, 1879.

Twenty-six Annual Assessments.....	\$180 00
Janitor, Buffalo Medical College.....	\$ 2 20
Printing and binding.....	29 00
Postage, express, check collection.....	12 30
Stationery.....	2 00
Deficit in 1878.....	4 85
	49 85
Balance on hand.....	\$ 80 15

Assessments are due for the last year from the following colleges:

\*Texas Medical College and Hospital.  
Dartmouth Medical College.  
College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York.

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

Prof. Grenville Dowell offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the metric system shall henceforth be used in the minutes of this Association, and in all papers published under its authority, and that the professors represented in this Association be requested to teach the metric system in their schools.

It was laid on the table.

Prof. Dunster offered the following amendment to the By-Laws:

For Section 1, Article V, of the By-Laws, substitute the following:

Delegates to the meetings of the Association may be chosen from among the members of the governing boards of a college, or from members of the faculty having a vote upon the graduation of students, or from both; but in no case shall such double representation entitle a college to more than one vote in the Association.

Laid over until next year.

On motion of the Secretary, the thanks of the Association were tendered to Prof. Westmoreland and the Georgia State officials for their courtesy in providing such comfortable and convenient rooms for the meetings of the Association.

On motion of Prof. Gross, the thanks of the Association were tendered the President and Secretary for their efficient services.

On motion, it was decided that the next meeting be held on

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\* Paid the assessment since the annual meeting.

Monday morning preceding the next meeting of the American Medical Association, and at the same place.

This fixes the meeting at New York City, May 31, 1880.

Adjourned.

N. S. DAVIS, M. D.,  
*Acting President.*

LEARTUS CONNOR, M. D.,  
*Secretary.*

## In Memoriam.

PROFESSOR J. B. BIDDLE, M. D.

Since the last assembling of this Association, death has invaded our circle and launched his shaft with unerring aim against our presiding officer.

Prof. J. B. BIDDLE, who presided over the committee which called this Association into existence, and who was twice elected its President, was widely known as a gentleman of culture and refinement; a teacher who possessed the happy gift of imparting knowledge, a physician of rare ability, and an author whose written wisdom reached and benefited his professional brethren.

To us, who have felt his guiding hand in our deliberations, he was known as an officer of quick perceptions, clear head, decisive ruling and winning urbanity.

While, then, we are compelled to bow in submission to the stern decree which has removed him from our midst, we cannot refrain from expressing our deep sorrow for our own loss, and tendering to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of grief and sorrow.

Let us honor his memory by emulating his virtues.

W. W. DAWSON, }  
S. D. GROSS, } *Committee.*  
MOSES GUNN, }