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AMERICAN MEDICAL COLLEGE ASSOCIATION.

Pursuant to the call of its President, the American Medical College Association convened in the Medical College of Ohio, Cincinnati, O., at 11 A. M., May 16, 1882.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Prof. J. M. Bodine.

The credentials of delegates being presented, the following members were found present :

Medical Department of the University of Louisville—Prof. J. M. Bodine.
Medical Department Universities of Nashville and Vanderbilt—Prof. W. T. Briggs and Prof. T. Menees.
Hospital College of Medicine—Prof. Dudley S. Reynolds.
Medical College of Ohio—Prof. W. W. Seely.
Miami Medical College—Prof. J. A. Murphy.
Starling Medical College—Prof. H. G. Landis.
Missouri Medical College—Prof. T. F. Prewitt.
Alabama Medical College—Prof. W. H. Anderson.
Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery—Prof. D. D. Bramble
Nashville Medical College—Prof. Deering J. Roberts.
Women's Hospital Medical College of Chicago—Prof. W. W. Earle.

Voting on pending questions being in order, the following, offered at a former meeting by Prof. Dawson, was brought before the Association. It was proposed as an amendment to Article III, Section 4, of the Articles of Confederation :

“Two sessions of nine months shall be regarded as equivalent to three courses, and colleges adopting the curriculum shall be admissible to membership in this Association.”

After a long and earnest discussion by most of the members present, this was adopted amended to read as follows :

“Two sessions of five months shall be regarded as equivalent to three courses, and colleges adopting this curriculum shall be admissible to membership in this Association.”

Prof. Landis offered the following amendments to the Articles of Confederation :

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

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

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

Said amendments to take place at and after the sessions of 1883-84.

On motion of Prof. Prewitt, the following preamble and resolution was adopted :

WHEREAS, it has become apparent to this Association that its action in establishing a three years' course of college study is in advance of the views of the medical profession at large, that it is not supported in this movement by the profession, and especially by the older eastern schools, whose status should have made them leaders in a reform movement of this character; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the law upon this subject be not enforced during the year required for its amendment.

It will thus be seen that members of the Association can, under the amended Dawson amendment, comply with the requirements of the Association, by acting in accordance with the original requirements of the Association respecting the number of terms needful for graduation.

The amendment of an additional section to Article III of the Articles of Confederation, offered by Prof. Dunster, was laid on the table.

The catalogues, etc., of the several colleges reporting were now distributed to the members.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

- Total membership at last meeting—33.
- College members disbanded—3.
- College members resigned—10.
- College members at date—20.

Out of sixteen colleges reporting, the following conferred the degree of M. D., in accordance with the Articles of Confederation :

Medical College of Ohio.
St. Joseph Hospital Medical College.
Medical Department of the Universities of Nashville and Vanderbilt.
Medical Department of Arkansas Industrial University.
Nashville Medical College.

Out of sixteen colleges reporting, the following made reduction or remission of fees in accordance with the Articles of Confederation :

Woman's Medical College of Chicago.
Kansas City Medical College.
Starling Medical College.
Hospital Medical College, Louisville.
Medical Department Universities of Nashville and Vanderbilt.
Medical Department University of Louisville.
Medical Department Arkansas Industrial University.
Nashville Medical College.
Missouri Medical College.

Colleges reporting as required by By-Laws, Article VII, Section 1, are :

Medical Department of Michigan University.
Medical College of Ohio.
Woman's Medical College of Chicago.
Miami Medical College.
Kansas City Medical College.
Medical Department of Willamette University.
Starling Medical College.
St. Joseph Hospital Medical College.
Hospital College of Medicine of Louisville.
Medical Department of the Universities of Nashville and Vanderbilt.
Medical Department of the University of Louisville.
Medical Department of the Arkansas Industrial University.
Alabama Medical College.
Michigan College of Medicine.
Nashville Medical College.
Missouri Medical College.

Colleges not reporting as required by By-Laws, Article VII, Section 1, are :

Detroit Medical College.
Columbus Medical College.
Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery.
Medical College of Indiana.

Accepted and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Balance on hand at last meeting.....	\$ 90 00
Seventeen annual assessments of \$5 each.	85 00
Total	\$175 00

Expenditures.

Use of Wilkinson's Hall at Richmond.....	\$ 10 00
Janitor's fee at Richmond.....	5 00
Expenses of Secretary at Richmond meeting.....	65 00
Printing, Binding, etc.....	27 20
Stationary and Express, etc	4 30
Postage.....	10 00
Total.....	\$121 55
Balance on hand.....	\$ 53 45

Assessments are still due from

Detroit Medical College.
Miami Medical College.
Medical Department of the University of Michigan.
Columbus Medical College.
Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery.
Michigan College of Medicine.
Medical Department of Arkansas Industrial University.

Report was accepted and adopted.

The following officers were now elected for the ensuing year :

President—W. W. Seely.
Vice-President—Deering J. Roberts.
Secretary and Treasurer—Leartus Connor.

On motion of Prof. D. J. Roberts, the Association resolved that the efforts in behalf of the proper education of medical men, made by the State Boards of Illinois, Alabama and North Carolina, are

such as merit the hearty approval of the entire medical profession. Through these efforts the strong arm of the law is made to protect the public from much ignorance and charlatanism.

On motion of Prof. Reynolds, it was resolved that it is derogatory to the best interests of the medical profession, and to the character of any medical school, for the membership of its faculty to hold chairs in any similar school of instruction holding sessions at different seasons of the year for the purpose of graduating medical students.

On motion of Prof. Roberts, Dr. McCasky, of Fort Wayne College of Medicine, was invited to make a statement of the recent changes in said college, changes that remove the grounds upon which was rejected its application for membership made two years ago.

Prof. Earle offered the following amendments to the Constitution :

For "Art. VII" read "Art. VIII."

Article VII. Quorum.—At any regular meeting of the Association, eight College members shall constitute a quorum.

On motion, it was resolved that the next meeting of the Association be held in the city of Nashville, Tenn., at such date as shall be fixed by the President.

Prof. Bodine offered the following amendment to the Constitution :

Art. V.—Meetings. Strike from the second line of said article these words: "At some time in the months of May or June."

On motion, the Association now adjourned to partake of the generous and elegant banquet provided for it by the Medical College of Ohio, at the Burnett House.

Since it was first proposed to require three terms instead of two as a requisite for graduation, the following colleges have deemed it best to withdraw from membership in the Association :

Bellevue Hospital Medical College.

College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York.

Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia.

Medical Department of the University of Vermont.

Dartmouth Medical College of New Hampshire.
 Rush Medical College.
 Medical Department Iowa State University
 Louisville Medical College
 Kentucky Medical College
 Medical Department University of Louisville.
 Medical College State of South Carolina.
 Medical College of Evansville.
 Atlanta Medical College.
 Savannah Medical College.
 Chicago Medical College.

Four colleges once members of the Association have disbanded. Thus there have been thirty-nine individual college members of the Association since its organization.

The tone of the meeting, which continued during the entire day without intermission, and the spirit of the members present, indicated that the Association has entered upon a more hopeful future. Each member seemed impressed that the benefits to be derived from the intimate and friendly association of medical colleges was as great as is obtained from the organization of other institutions having common aims.

It will be seen that all of the Eastern schools have withdrawn from the Association. The relations of this withdrawal to the efforts made by the Western colleges to increase the requirements for graduation are a matter of history, well remembered by all who have taken an interest in this effort to better the state of medical education.

It is hoped that the condition of things which has compelled the return of the Association to its former requirement may prove but temporary, and that all reputable colleges who recognize the fitness of a yearly friendly conference between the several medical colleges and the advantage of combined efforts by the same, will join the Association and help forward its work.

W. W. SEELY, M. D., *President,*
 Cincinnati, O.

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