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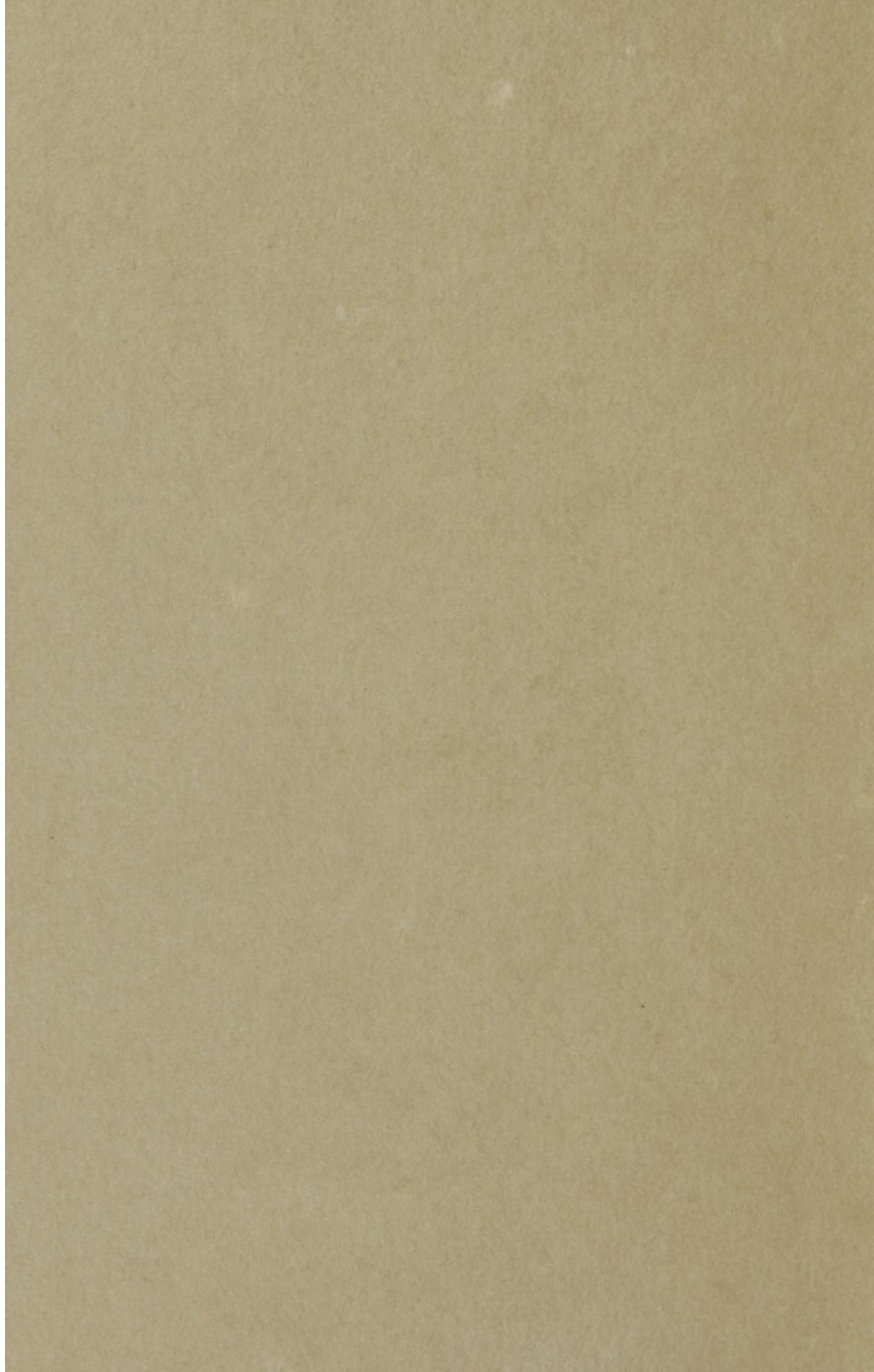
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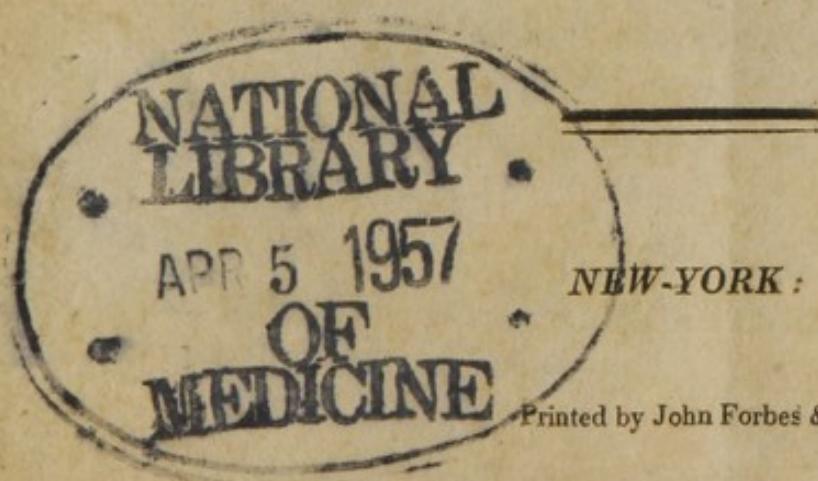




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The SALUTATORY ADDRESS at the commencement  
of the Session, was delivered by  
*John W. B. Murray, A. M.*

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PAPERS  
READ BEFORE THE SOCIETY.

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1. On the sedative effects of Cold. By *George G. Graham.*
2. On the effects of Tobacco. By *Dr. Augustus R. Griffen.*
3. On the Secretion of Urine. By *Edward Delafield.*
4. On the medicinal virtues of the Veratrum Album. By *James W. Warburton.*
5. On the proximate cause of Fever. By *Charles G. Patterson.*
6. On Tetanus. By *John Cadle.*
7. On the proximate cause of Intermittents. By *Dr. William Joyce.*
8. On the diseases of the Prostate Gland. By *Robert M. Sullivan.*
9. On Hectic Fever. By *Killian V. R. Lansingh.*

10. On the Rationale of the cure of Hydrocele by Injection. By *John W. B. Murray.*
11. On Death. By *Charles G. Patterson.*
12. On the modus operandi of Cold. By *Peter Crispell, jun.*
13. On Medical Science. By *Thos. I. Gibbons.*
14. On Animal Poisons. By *Lewis Belden.*
15. On the History of Anatomy. By *Charles G. Patterson.*
16. On Emetics. By *Gerardus Huyck.*
17. On the Colour of the Blood. By *James R. Verdeer.*
18. On the Effects of Cold. By *Bernard Halen-bake.*
19. On Dropsy. By *Dr. Benjamin P. K'sam.*
20. On Fracture of the Sternum. By *John K. Rodgers.*
21. On Carcinoma. By *James W. Warburton.*
22. On Aneurism. By *James C. Bliss, M. D.*
23. On Sclerocele. By *Edward Delafield.*
24. On Superfœtation. By *James R. Verdeer.*
25. On the Sagacity of Animals. By *Cornelius Dickinson.*
26. On Carcinoma of the Eye. By *Lewis Belden.*
27. On Scrofula. By *Killian V. R. Lansingh.*
28. On Hydrothorax. By *Jesse Billings.*
29. On the medicinal properties of the *Fucus Esculentus.* By *Dr. Augustus R. Griffen.*
30. On Urethritis. By *Lewis Belden.*
31. On the Biography of Michael Servetus. By *John W. B. Murray.*

32. On Amaurosis. By *George Upfold.*
  33. On Digestion. By *Asa Hillyer, jun.*
  34. On the Geographical and Zoological descriptions of the Bermudas, or Summer Islands. By *John W. B. Murray.*
  35. On Intermittent Fever. By *Lewis Belden.*
  36. On the Buffy coat, as a sign of inflammation. By *Charles G. Patterson.*
  37. A cursory view of Medical Science. By *Wylee B. Ector.*
- The Valedictory Oration was delivered by  
*James R. Verdeer. A. B.*

## QUESTIONS DISCUSSED BEFORE THE SOCIETY.

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1. Is Life a forced state ?  
Aff. Messrs. Warburton, Hillyer, Kissam and Miller.  
Neg. Messrs. Murray and Dickinson.
2. In the Phlegmasia, is local inflammation the cause of general fever ?  
Aff. Messrs. Delafield, Dering and Belden.  
Neg. Messrs. Dickinson, Miller and Murray.
3. Are there any medicines which have a specific effect in the cure of diseases ?  
Aff. Messrs. Verdeer and Belden.  
Neg. Messrs. Murray and Springsted.
4. Is irritation, as the proximate cause, sufficient to account for the symptoms and phenomena of fever ?  
Aff. Messrs. Warburton, Bliss, Fowler and Griffin.  
Neg. Messrs. Patterson and Belden.
5. Can Nosology be considered as beneficial to the science of medicine ?  
Aff. Messrs. Warburton, Belden and Murray.  
Neg. Messrs. Patterson, Joyce and Lansingh.
6. Does absorption take place from the surface of the body ?  
Aff. Messrs. Griffin, Fowler and Belden.  
Neg. Messrs. Gibbons, Graham and Helme.
7. Are there any medicines directly sedative in their operation ?  
Aff. Messrs. Cadle, Graham and Miller.  
Neg. Messrs. Dickinson and Belden.

8. Does any direct communication by vessels exist between the Mother and Fœtus?  
Aff. Messrs. Graham and Verdeer.  
Neg. Messrs. Rodgers and Delafield.
9. Are natural causes sufficient to account for the varieties of anatomical structure observed in the human species?  
Aff. Messrs. Charles Dickinson and Belden.  
Neg. Messrs. Cornelius Dickinson, Dering and Patterson.
10. In fractures of the lower extremity, is the flex position preferable to the extended?  
Aff. Messrs Billings and Joyce.  
Neg. Messrs. Lansingh and Patterson.
11. Is there a vacuum in nature?  
Aff. Messrs. Dering and Belden.  
Neg. Messrs. Seaman and Helme.
12. Is the stimulating treatment preferable in recent burns?  
Aff. Messrs. Gibbons and Cadle.  
Neg. Messrs. Seaman and Lansingh.
13. Is the yellowness of jaundice ever owing to the regurgitation of bile?  
Aff. Messrs. Upfold, Joyce, Graham and Murray.  
Neg. Messrs. Griffin and Belden.
14. Are the functions of the heart independent of the brain?  
Aff. Messrs. Murray and Delafield.  
Neg. Messrs. Rodgers and Griffin.

At an Anniversary meeting of the *American Aesculapian Society*, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:

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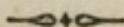
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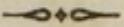
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