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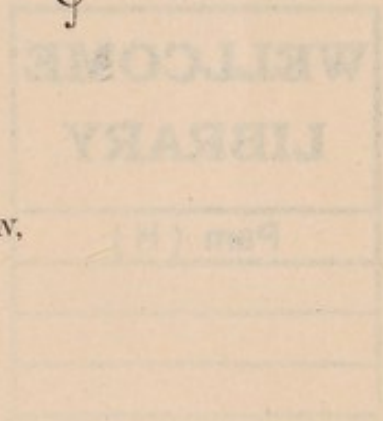
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Association of the Representatives of American Medical
Colleges,

Held at Philadelphia, June 2d and 3d, 1876.

A convention of representatives of numerous medical colleges of the United States was held in the hall of the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, June 2d and 3d, 1876, in pursuance of the following call :

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 15, 1876.

Following a general correspondence with the various medical colleges of the United States, the undersigned issue this call for a convention, to be held in Philadelphia, on Friday June 2, 1876, four days in advance of the meeting of the American Medical Association. The object of the convention is to consider all matters relating to reform in medical college work.

That decided results may be reached, the faculty of each college is requested to send one or more delegates, clothed with *plenary* powers to determine final action on every question.

Should any college find it impracticable to send a representative, it is hoped that it will set forth fully by letter to the convention the views it may hold touching the suppression of existing evils and methods of practical improvement.

Officers of the following colleges have informally signified their hearty approval of the movement:

Jefferson Medical College, College of Physicians and Surgeons, N. Y., Bellevue Hospital Medical College, Ohio Medical College, Miami Medical College, Rush Medical College, Detroit Medical College, Louisville Hospital Medical College, Medical Department of University of Louisville, St. Louis Medical College, Keokuk Medical College, Cleveland Medical College, Starling Medical College, Medical Department of Georgetown

College, Medical Department of Columbian University, Long Island Hospital College, Medical Department of Syracuse University, Evansville Medical College, Indiana Medical College, Medical Department of University of Nashville, Atlanta Medical College, Mobile Medical College, Savannah Medical College, Augusta Medical College.

The convention will be called to order in the Hall of the Jefferson Medical College at 11 A. M. on the day above named.

J. B. BIDDLE, M. D., Jefferson Medical College.

WM. H. MUSSEY, M. D., Miami Medical College.

JOHN T. HODGEN, M. D., St. Louis Medical College.

J. ADAMS ALLEN, M. D., Rush Medical College.

W. T. BRIGGS, M. D., Med. Dep't University of Nashville.

J. M. BODINE, M. D., Med. Dep't University of Louisville.

At the hour named, the following representatives assembled :
Jefferson Medical College—Prof. J. B. Biddle and Prof. S. D.

Gross.

Medical Department University of Pennsylvania—Prof. R. E. Rogers.

College Physicians and Surgeons of New York—Prof. Edward Curtis.

Medical Department University of Louisville—Prof. L. P. Yandell, Jr., and Prof. J. M. Bodine.

Hospital College of Medicine of Louisville—Prof. J. A. Larambee and Prof. T. C. Wilson.

Long Island Hospital Medical College—Prof. J. H. Raymond.

Medical Department University of Iowa—Prof. E. F. Clapp.

College of Physicians and Surgeons, Syracuse University—Prof. H. B. Wilbur and Prof. Van Dyne.

Chicago Medical College—Prof. L. Curtis.

Medical Department University of Georgia—Prof. E. Geddings.

Indiana Medical College—Prof. T. B. Harvey and Prof. L. D. Waterman.

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

Cleveland Medical College—Prof. J. H. Bennett and Prof. Himes.

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

Starling Medical College—Prof. Starling Loving.

Medical Department University of Vermont—Prof. H. D. Holton.

St. Louis Medical College—Prof. J. L. B. Alleyne.

Atlanta Medical College—Prof. W. F. Westmoreland.

Medical Departments University of Nashville and Vanderbilt University—Prof. T. A. Atchison and Prof. W. T. Briggs.

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

Keokuk College Physicians and Surgeons—Prof. J. J. M. Angiar.

Columbus Medical College—Prof. J. F. Baldwin.

On motion of Prof. Yandell, Prof. J. B. Biddle was elected President of the convention, and on motion of Prof. Bennett, Prof. Leartus Connor was elected Secretary.

On motion of Prof. E. Curtis, it was

Resolved, That the action of the convention shall not be considered binding upon the colleges represented, unless endorsed by their respective faculties.

On motion of Prof. Gross, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to submit business for the consideration of the convention, to report at the afternoon session.

The chair appointed as this committee, Profs. Bodine, Gross, Geddings, Holton and Scott.

The convention adjourned until 4 P. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the convention reassembled at 4 P. M., the President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Prof. Bodine, from the committee to prepare business for the convention, reported the following questions for its consideration :

1. Shall the beneficiary system, with its present abuses, be condemned or endorsed ?

After discussion, on motion of Prof. E. Curtis, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted with reference to question first :

Whereas, The practice of reducing or remitting in individual cases the established fees of a college has the objectionable feature of discriminating between students who may be equally deserving, and opening the door to possible gross abuses; therefore

Resolved, first, That this convention regards the above privilege as one to be deprecated in general, and, if put into practice at all, to be exercised both rarely and reluctantly, and only in unusual circumstances, and after unsolicited application by proven deserving candidates.

Resolved, second, That anything like a wholesale system of such reduction or remission of established fees, or any open solicitation of recipients of such favors be regarded as in the highest degree improper, and that any college indulging in such practices deserves to forfeit its place on the *ad eundem* list of medical colleges.

Question 2. Shall two consecutive courses of lectures in one year entitle students to become candidates for graduation?

On motion of Prof. E. Curtis, it was

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this convention that no two consecutive sets of lecture tickets, shall be regarded as fulfilling the usual prerequisites of instruction for graduation, where the time between the beginning of the first course and the end of the second is less than fifteen months.

Question 3. Shall any faculty under any circumstances issue a diploma not bearing the graduate's name?

On motion of Prof. Waterman, it was

Resolved, That no medical faculty should issue a diploma not bearing the graduate's name.

It was ordered that the meetings of the convention shall be at 10 A. M. and 4 P. M.

The convention reassembled on Saturday, June 3d, at 10 A. M., the President in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Prof. L. P. Yandell, Jr., the regular order of business was suspended, and communications were read from the faculties of the following medical colleges: Louisville Medical College, Kentucky School of Medicine, Evansville Medical College, Rush Medical College, Medical Department University

Louisiana, Medical School of Harvard University, Savannah Medical College, Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, Medical College of State of South Carolina.

On motion of Prof. Atchison, these communications were placed on file.

Question 4. Shall this convention resolve itself into a permanent organization?

On motion of Prof. Atchison, it was

Resolved, That the question be referred to a committee of five, to report at the afternoon session.

The chair appointed as this committee Profs. Atchison, L. Curtis, E. Curtis, Yandell and Scott.

On motion of Prof. Rogers, the President and Secretary of the convention and Prof. Atchison were appointed a committee on publication.

Question 5. Is there any reason why the customary diploma fee shall be abolished?

On motion of Prof. Rogers, it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of the convention that the diploma fee should not be abolished.

Question 6. Is it advisable to adopt a graded course of study?

On motion of Prof. Bodine, the following preamble and resolution were adopted in reference to this question :

Whereas, A knowledge of the elementary branches of medicine should precede a study of the practical branches,

Resolved, That, in the hope of inducing students to prolong and systematize their studies, this convention recommends to all medical colleges to offer to students the option of three courses of lectures, after a plan similar to the following: Students who have attended two full courses of lectures on anatomy, chemistry, materia medica and physiology, may be examined upon any of these subjects at the end of their second course. During their third course, such students may devote themselves to the lectures upon the theory and practice of medicine, surgery, obstetrics and diseases of women and children, upon which subjects only they shall be examined at the final examination for the degree of M. D., their standing, however, to be determined by the results of both examinations.

On motion, adjourned till 4 P. M.

The convention re-assembled at 4 p. m., the President in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Prof. Atchison, from the committee to whom the subject of permanent organization was referred, reported the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1. That this *convention* now proceed to form a Provisional Association of American Medical Colleges, under its present officers.

Resolved, 2. That when the Association adjourns, it shall adjourn to meet at the call of its President.

Resolved, 3. That the various medical colleges be invited to take into consideration the project of forming, at the next meeting of this Provisional Association, a permanent Association of American Medical Colleges.

Resolved, 4. That for the furtherance of this object, a committee of three be appointed at this meeting to confer by letter with the various colleges, and invite their views on the proper object and plan of such proposed organization; and upon the receipt of the same, to draft a constitution and by-laws for a permanent Association, to be submitted at the next meeting of this Association.

Resolved, 5. That the advisory resolutions upon matters of college policy passed by this convention be printed and forwarded to all regular medical colleges in the United States for their consideration.

The chair appointed as committee to carry out the foregoing resolutions Prof. T. A. Atchison, Prof. Edward Curtis, and Prof. L. P. Yandell, Jr.

These resolutions were adopted, and the convention resolved itself into the Provisional Association of American Medical Colleges.

Question 7. Is it proper for a regular college to have any kind of alliance with homeopathy?

On motion of Prof. Atchison, it was unanimously

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Association, medical colleges ought not to recognize or hold fellowship with any school or its alumni in which irregular medicine is taught as a part of the curriculum.

Question 8. Can college fees be made uniform?

On motion of Prof. Geddings, this question was referred to a committee of five, to report at the meeting of the Association to be held in 1877.

The chair appointed Profs. Geddings, Gross, Angiar, E. Curtis and L. Curtis, this committee.

On motion of Prof. Biddle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

No degree in medicine should be conferred, under any circumstances, except after an examination in person of the candidate upon all the branches of medicine.

On motion of Prof. Atchison, the thanks of the Association were tendered to the President for the able and impartial manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair.

On motion of Prof. Yandell, the thanks of the Association were tendered to the Secretary for his efficient services.

On motion of Prof. Larrabee, the thanks of the Association were tendered to Jefferson Medical College for the use of the hall and other courtesies.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

J. B. BIDDLE, M. D., *President.*

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

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Provisional Association of American Medical Colleges,

Held at Chicago, June 2d and 4th, 1877.

In pursuance of the call of the President, DR. J. B. BIDDLE, the Provisional Association of American Medical Colleges assembled at the Palmer House, Chicago, on Saturday, June 2d, at 10 o'clock A. M. The call invited all colleges represented at the meeting of the Association held in June, 1876, to send delegates to this meeting, and all chartered medical colleges in the United States recognized as "regular" by the colleges already represented in this Association.

On calling the roll of the colleges represented last year, the following colleges were represented as follows:

Jefferson Medical College—Prof. J. B. Biddle.

College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, Prof. E. Curtis.

Medical Department University of Louisville—Prof. L. P. Yandell, Jr., Prof. J. M. Bodine.

Hospital College of Medicine of Louisville—Prof. D. S. Reynolds, Prof. Wm. Bailey.

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

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

Indiana Medical College—Prof. J. A. Cominger.

Medical Department University of Wooster—Prof. W. J. Scott, Prof. H. J. Herrick.

Cleveland Medical College—Prof. J. H. Bennett, Prof. J. M. Himes.

Detroit Medical College—Prof. T. A. McGraw, Prof. L. Connor.

Starling Medical College—Prof. S. Loving.

Medical Department University of Vermont—Prof. A. Woodward.

Medical Departments University of Nashville and Vanderbilt University—Prof. T. A. Atchison.

Missouri Medical College—Prof. A. P. Lankford, Prof. P. G. Robinson.

Keokuk College of Physicians and Surgeons—Prof. J. J. M. Angiar, Prof. J. C. Hughes.

On motion, the President appointed as Committee on Credentials, Drs. Yandell, Scott and Connor. This committee reported favorably upon the following colleges, which were not previously represented :

Dartmouth Medical College—Prof. E. S. Dunster.

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

Medical College of Virginia—Prof. F. D. Cunningham.

Miami Medical College—Prof. J. A. Murphy

Louisville Medical College—Prof. C. W. Kelley.

Department Medicine and Surgery of Michigan University—Prof. Donald McLean.

Woman's Hospital College of Chicago, Ill —Prof. Charles W. Earle.

University of Louisiana, Medical Department—Prof. T. G. Richardson.

College Physicians and Surgeons of Indiana—Prof. R. N. Todd and Prof. Jno. E. Link.

Rush Medical College—Prof. Moses Gunn.

The committee further reported that in the case of the

Fort Wayne Medical College, represented by Profs. W. H. Meyers and H. A. Clark, they were unable to decide, as written objections had been sent to the Secretary of the Association by the Secretary of the Allen County Medical Society of Indiana.

So much of the report of the committee as referred to the colleges claiming representation, with the exception of the Fort

Wayne College, was adopted, and the case of the latter was referred to a special committee, consisting of Profs. N. S. Davis, J. J. M. Angiar and C. W. Earle, who, after consideration, reported that as no specific charges were made against the Fort Wayne College, and in the absence of evidence of irregularity, there were no grounds of objection to the admission of the representatives of the said college. They were accordingly admitted.

The National Medical College of Washington, D. C., by letter approved of the objects of the Association ; also

Howard University, Washington, D. C. ;

Texas Medical College Hospital, Galveston, Texas ;

Willamette University Medical Department, Salem, Oregon ;

Medical College of the Pacific, San Francisco, Cal.

Prof. Edward Curtis, secretary of the committee appointed last year to draft a Constitution, By-Laws and Articles of Confederation under which a permanent Association could be formed, now presented their report.

After a full consideration, extending through the entire day, the Constitution, By-Laws and Articles of Confederation were adopted unanimously in the following form :

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. NAME.

The name of this Association shall be the "American Medical College Association."

ARTICLE II. OBJECTS.

The objects of this Association shall be the advancement of medical education in the United States, and the establishment of a common policy among medical colleges in the more important matters of college management.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS.

The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall severally perform the usual duties of such officers. They shall be elected by ballot at each session of the Association, and shall serve from the time of adjournment of such session till the adjournment of the next ensuing session. But present officers shall be perpetually eligible to reelection.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Any regularly chartered medical school in the United States which shall conform and subscribe to the Articles of Confederation of this Association, may become a member of the same.

SECTION 2. Any college member which shall be convicted upon trial of willful violation of any of the Articles of Confederation of the Association, or which shall fail to make answer to such charges of such violation, duly preferred, at the meeting at which the same come up for trial, shall thereby forfeit his membership in the Association.

SECTION 3. Any college which shall thus have forfeited its membership, or any college, whose original application for mem-

bership shall have been rejected by the Association, shall not be eligible for membership again until a period of two years shall have elapsed since the time of forfeiture or rejection.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS.

Meetings of this Association shall be held not oftener than annually, at some time in the months of May or June. The exact time and place shall be fixed by the President with regard to the object for which the meeting is to be held ; but when, in his judgment, there is no special reason to the contrary, preference shall be given to the place of meeting of the American Medical Association, and to a time conveniently near to the time of meeting of the same.

ARTICLE VI. REPRESENTATION AND VOTING.

At the meetings of the Association each college may be represented by one or more delegates, or may submit, in writing, resolutions, amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws, or its vote upon pending questions, except upon charges against a college for violation of the Articles of Confederation. In all cases each college shall have but a single vote, and when representation is by two or more delegates, the vote shall be cast by the senior delegate in Faculty rank. The President shall not be deprived by his office of his privileges as a delegate in voting. On questions connected with the trial of charges against a college, the accusing and accused colleges shall have no vote.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed at the meeting of the Association, or by letter to the Secretary. In order to be entertained, they must be seconded at the time of proposal by one other college, or its delegate. When proposed at a meeting, or submitted to the Secretary after call for a meeting has been issued, they must lie over a year before a vote is taken. Upon voting, two-thirds of the votes cast shall be necessary for adoption.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I. CALLS FOR MEETINGS.

The calls for meetings shall be issued by the Secretary, after conference with the President as to time and place, and must not be later than two months before the proposed time of meeting. The Secretary shall call meetings upon :

1. Direction of the President, who is empowered to convene the Association at his pleasure.

2. Resolution of adjournment at previous meeting.

3. Receipt, before March 1, of proposed amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, or Articles of Confederation, duly recommended by two colleges, or of a written request for a meeting for any purpose, when proffered by not less than three colleges.

4. Receipt, before January 1, of charges and specifications against a college for violation of the Articles of Confederation.

In all cases where a call for a meeting is issued, the object of the same must be stated in the call, with proposed amendments, resolutions, or charges, given in full.

ARTICLE II. ORDER OF BUSINESS AT MEETINGS.

The order of business at meetings shall be as follows :

1. Presentation of credentials of delegates. 2. Reading of minutes of last meeting. 3. Voting upon pending questions. 4. Reading of Annual Reports of Members. 5. Introduction of New Business. 6. Election of Officers for the ensuing term. 7. Treasury report of the Secretary. 8. Adjournment.

ARTICLE III. ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Colleges which shall, through their delegates, subscribe to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Articles of Confederation, at the meeting of the Provisional Association of Medical

Colleges, at which the same shall have been adopted, and shall file with the Secretary a copy of their college charter, shall thereby become members of the Association.

SECTION 2. After adjournment of the aforesaid meeting, colleges wishing to join the Association must apply to the Secretary, and forward a copy of their College Charter. The Secretary shall thereupon send notice of such application to all the colleges of the Association. If, after four months, no objection shall have been received, the Secretary shall then send to the applicant a copy of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Articles of Confederation, and upon return of the same duly subscribed by an authorized officer of the college, shall enter the name of said college upon the roll of members of the Association. Objection to the applicant on the ground of non-conformity to the Articles of Confederation, may be made by any college-member; but the same must be submitted, in writing, to the Secretary, and within four months after receipt of the notice of application. Such objection must be in the form of definite charges and specifications. Upon the receipt of a written objection, the Secretary shall immediately forward the same to the applying college, and where the objection shall have been received before January 1, shall call a meeting of the Association for the ensuing season to consider the same. At this meeting the applying college shall be allowed to send a member of its Faculty to conduct its case before the Association. The consideration of the objections shall then be conducted in the manner prescribed in Article IV for trial of charges against a member, and a two-thirds vote shall be necessary for admission of the applicant.

SECTION 3. Any college which shall have been disqualified for membership for two years, as provided in Article IV, Section 3, of the Constitution, and which shall at the expiration of that period desire to join the Association, must make application again in the regular form.

ARTICLE IV. CHARGES AGAINST MEMBERS.

SECTION. 1. Charges against a college-member for violation of any of the Articles of Confederation shall be entertained only

when preferred by a college-member of the Association, and accompanied by definite specifications. Such charges and specifications must be submitted, in writing, to the Secretary, on or before January 1. Upon receipt, the Secretary shall immediately transmit the same to the accused college, and, unless the charges be in the meantime withdrawn, shall convene the Association for the ensuing season for trial of the accusation.

SECTION 2. At the trial of the charges against a member, the accusing college must be represented by delegate, but the accused may, at its option, submit a written defense only, without representation by delegate. The case for the prosecution shall first be submitted, and then that for the defense. No counsel shall be allowed, but the witnesses on either side may be cross-examined by any delegate present. The Association shall decide by majority vote upon the admissibility of evidence, or of questions to witnesses. Upon closure of the case, a vote shall be taken thereon before the final adjournment of the session, and a two-thirds vote shall be necessary for conviction.

SECTION 3. In case of failure by an accused college to make answer to the charges at the meeting of the Association, duly convened for trial of the same, the meeting may, by majority vote, drop the accused college from the roll of members, and such dropping shall be equivalent to forfeiture of membership for conviction of violation of the Articles of Confederation.

SECTION 4. No member shall be tried twice upon the same specifications.

ARTICLE V. DELEGATES.

SECTION 1. Delegates to the meetings of the Association must be chosen from among the executive officers of a college, or from members of the Faculty having a vote upon the passage of candidates for graduation.

SECTION 2. In case objection is made to any delegate on grounds of personal unfitness, the case shall be argued before the meeting, and by a two-thirds vote the delegate may be excluded. But in such case the retiring delegate shall be entitled to file with

the Secretary such communications, or votes upon pending questions (except upon charges against a member, or applicant), as he may have been instructed by his college to present to the meeting.

ARTICLE VI. AFFILIATED COLLEGES.

SECTION 1. The list of American affiliated colleges to be recognized by the Association shall include only the following: 1. Members of the Association. 2. Colleges not members, which are not ineligible for membership, and which conform to the following of the Articles of Confederation: Article I; sections 1 and 3 of Article II; Article III; Article V.

SECTION 2. The Secretary shall send a copy of this Article and of the Articles of Confederation, to all American Medical Colleges, not members of the Association, with a request to know if they desire to be placed upon the Affiliated list, and if they conform to the requirements demanded. Upon receipt of an affirmative answer, accompanied by a copy of the College Charter, he shall notify all members of the Association of the fact, and the admission of the college to the Affiliated list shall then be proceeded with in the same manner as provided in Article III, for admission to membership.

SECTION 3. Charges against an Affiliated college shall be proceeded with in the same manner as provided in Article IV, for proceedings in case of charges against a member.

SECTION 4. Upon conviction of non-conformity with the necessary requirements for a place upon the list of Affiliated Colleges, the convicted college shall be dropped from the same, and shall not be eligible for reestablishment until a period of two years shall have elapsed.

ARTICLE VII. REPORTS.

SECTION 1. Every college member and every Affiliated College shall forward yearly to the Secretary of the Association as many copies as there are colleges in the Association, of every catalogue, circular, announcement, prospectus, form of advertisement, or other publication issued by the college during the year, and

shall also make a full and true report, embracing the following points: 1st. Honorary degree conferred within the year, with the name and age of the recipient, and the reasons why the degree was given. 2d. The names of all persons who have been allowed remissions or reductions of established fees, with the reasons in each case for the proceeding. If no honorary degrees have been conferred or reductions or remissions of fees made, the fact shall be reported.

SECTION 2. At each meeting of the Association the printed documents specified in Section 1 shall be distributed among the delegates present, and the special reports as to honorary degrees and reductions and remissions of fees shall be read to the Association by the Secretary.

SECTION 3. The documents and reports called for in Section 1 must be forwarded to the Secretary within four weeks after the annual Commencement of the college. In case of failure to do so on the part of any college, the Secretary shall notify the delinquent of its failure, and if the reports be not received within four weeks after issuing such notice, the delinquent college shall be suspended in its membership of the Association, and in its privileges as an affiliated college, until the required reports be made. In such case, the Secretary shall notify both the delinquent and all the colleges of the Association of the suspension, and upon the receipt of the reports, of the reinstatement of the delinquent college.

ARTICLE VIII. ASSESSMENTS.

SECTION 1. To meet expenses the Secretary may assess the colleges of the Association in a sum not to exceed \$10 a year.

SECTION 2. He shall account for his receipts and expenditures at each meeting of the Association.

SECTION 3. Any college which shall be two years in arrears shall be notified of the fact by the Secretary, and if the dues be not paid within three months thereafter, the delinquent college shall be suspended in its right of representation in the Association until payment be made.

ARTICLE IX. PUBLICATION OF ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION.

Medical colleges belonging to this Association shall publish the articles of confederation in their annual catalogues for at least three consecutive years after joining the Association.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to these By-Laws shall be proposed and adopted in the manner prescribed for amendments to the Constitution.

ARTICLES OF CONFEDERATION.

(To be Subscribed and Conformed to by all the Colleges of the Association.)

ARTICLE I. OF THE FACULTY.

The medical members of the Faculty must be *regular* graduates or licentiates and practitioners of medicine, in good standing, using the word "regular" in the sense commonly understood in the medical profession.

ARTICLE II. OF TUITION.

SECTION 1. The scheme of tuition shall provide for a yearly systematic course of instruction covering the general topics of Anatomy, including dissections, Physiology, Chemistry, Materia Medica and Therapeutics, Obstetrics, Surgery, Pathology and Practice of Medicine. The collegiate session, wherein this course is given, shall be understood as the "regular" session.

SECTION 2. Said Regular Session shall not be less than twenty weeks in duration. This section to go in force at and after the session of 1879-80.

SECTION 3. Not more than one regular session, counting the regular session as one of the two courses of instruction required for graduation, shall be held in the same year.

ARTICLE III. REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION.

No person, whether a graduate in medicine or not, shall be given a diploma of "Doctor of Medicine," who shall not have fulfilled the following requirements, *except* as hereinafter provided for in Article IV:—

1. He must produce satisfactory evidence of good moral character, and of having attained the age of twenty-one years.
2. He must file a satisfactory certificate of having studied medicine for at least three years under a *regular* graduate, or

licentiate and practitioner of medicine, in good standing, using the word "regular" in the sense commonly understood in the medical profession. No candidate shall be eligible for final examination for graduation, unless his term of three years study shall have been completed, or shall expire at a date not later than three months after the close of the final examinations; this clause to take effect at and after the session of 1879-80.

3. He must file the proper official evidence that, during the above-mentioned three years, he has matriculated at some affiliated college or colleges, for two regular sessions, and in the course of the same (except as provided in 4) has attended two full courses of instruction on the seven topics mentioned in Article II. But the *latter*, at least, of the two full courses must have been attended at the college issuing the diploma. No two consecutive courses of instruction shall be held as satisfying the above requirements unless the time between the beginning of the first course and the end of the second is greater than fifteen months.

4. In case a college shall adopt a systematic graduated scheme of tuition, attendance on the whole of the same shall be equivalent to the requirements mentioned in 3, *provided* such scheme includes instruction in the seven topics mentioned in Article II, and requires attendance at at least two yearly regular Collegiate Sessions of not less than twenty weeks' duration each.

5. The candidate must have passed a personal examination before the Faculty on all seven of the branches of medicine mentioned in Article II.

6. He must have paid in full all College dues, including the graduation fee.

ARTICLE IV. OF HONORARY DEGREES.

An honorary degree of "Doctor in Medicine" may be granted in numbers not exceeding one yearly, to distinguished physicians or scientific men of over forty years of age. But in such case the diploma shall bear across its face the word "Honorary," in conspicuous characters, and the same word shall always be appended to the name of the recipient in all lists of graduates.

ARTICLE V. OF FEES.

SECTION 1. All fees shall be paid in lawful money, and no promissory notes or promises to pay shall be accepted in lieu of cash for payment of fees.

SECTION 2. No ticket, or other certificate of attendance upon college exercises, shall be issued to any student until the dues for the same shall have been fully paid.

SECTION 3. The established fees for the exercises of the regular session, except the matriculation fee, graduation fee, fee for dissections, may be reduced not more than one-half to graduates of other affiliated colleges of less than three years' standing, and to under-graduates of the same who have already attended two full courses of the instruction of the regular session.

SECTION 4. The same fees may be remitted altogether to a college's own alumni, to graduates of other affiliated colleges of three years' standing—the three years dating from the time of graduation and ending at the close of the regular session for which the tickets are given—to under-graduates who have already attended two full courses of the instruction of the regular session, the latter of which, at least, shall have been in the college making the remission, and to theological students, when not candidates for a diploma.

SECTION 5. The same fees may be reduced or remitted to deserving indigent students, to a number not exceeding five per cent of the number of matriculants at the previous regular session of the college.

SECTION 6. Under no circumstances whatever, other than the above, shall the Faculties, or any members of the same, grant, *upon their own authority*, any remissions or reductions of established fees. And it is distinctly understood and agreed that the Faculties will discountenance and oppose the authorizing by governing Boards of the admission of individual students upon other than the regularly established charges for their grade.

SECTION 7. Remission or reduction of fees for other exercises than those of the regular session, return to a student of any moneys after payment of fees, or an appropriation of funds of the

college for payment of any student's fees, or part thereof, shall be deemed violation of the provisions of this article in regard to remission or reduction of fees.

ARTICLE VI. OF RECOGNITION OF OTHER COLLEGES.

No college shall admit to the privileges accorded in Articles III and V the students or graduates of any college which, during any period of the student's or graduate's pupilage shall have been excluded from the list of affiliated colleges recognized by the Association.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed and adopted in the manner prescribed for amendments to the Constitution.

The Association adjourned to Monday, 4th June, 1877, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Association met on Monday, 4th June, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by the President. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Prof. Curtis, it was

Resolved, 1. That the Provisional Association of American Medical Colleges do now adjourn *sine die*.

Resolved, 2. That the American Medical College Association do now organize under the officers of the former Provisional Association, with the Constitution, By-Laws, and Articles of Confederation adopted at the last meeting of the Provisional Association; and that colleges represented by delegates at the Provincial Association, and eligible for membership to the present Association, under its Constitution, be now called upon seriatim, for the subscribing by the delegates to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Articles of Confederation.

The Constitution, By-Laws, and Articles of Confederation were signed by the representatives of the following colleges:

Jefferson Medical College—J. B. BIDDLE.

College Physicians and Surgeons, Medical Department of Columbia College, New York—EDWARD CURTIS.

Medical Department of the University of Louisville—J. M. BODINE,
L. P. YANDELL, JR.

Hospital College of Medicine of Louisville—WILLIAM BAILEY, DUDLEY S. REYNOLDS.

Chicago Medical College—N. S. DAVIS.

Medical Department of Iowa State University—W. F. PECK, ELMER F. CLAPP.

Medical Department, University of Wooster—W. J. SCOTT, H. J. HERRICK.

Cleveland Medical College, Medical Department of Western Reserve College—ISAAC N. HIMES.

Detroit Medical College—E. W. JENKS, THEO. A. MCGRAW, LEARTUS CONNOR.

Starling Medical College—STARLING LOVING.

Medical Department, University of Vermont—A. T. WOODWARD.

Medical Departments of Nashville and Vanderbilt Universities—T. A. ATCHISON, JNO. H. CALLENDER.

Missouri Medical College, St. Louis—P. GERVAIS ROBINSON.

Dartmouth Medical College, Hanover, New Hampshire—E. S. DUNSTER.

Kansas City College of Physicians and Surgeons—T. B. LESTER.

Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, O.—JOHN A. MURPHY.

Louisville Medical College of Louisville, Ky.—C. W. KELLY, E. S. GAILLARD.

Department of Medicine and Surgery of the University of Michigan—DONALD MCLEAN.

Medical Department of the University of Louisiana, New Orleans—T. G. RICHARDSON.

Rush Medical College—MOSES GUNN.

Indiana Medical College—JNO. A. COMINGOR.

Medical College of Fort Wayne—H. A. CLARK.

Woman's Hospital Medical College of Chicago—CHAS. W. EARLE.

The President announced that the Provisional Association was now organized as the American Medical College Association.

On motion of Prof. McGraw, it was

Resolved, That each confederated college shall publish in its annual circular and catalogue the names of all confederated and affiliated colleges, beginning with their announcements for 1878-79.

On motion of Prof. Curtis, it was

Resolved, That each college of the Association be assessed \$5, to meet the expenses of the Provisional Association and those of the present organization.

The President announced the election of officers as next in order.

Prof. Curtis nominated for President, Prof. J. B. BIDDLE, of the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia; for Vice President, Prof. N. S. DAVIS, of the Chicago Medical College, and for Secretary and Treasurer, Prof. LEARTUS CONNOR, of the Detroit Medical College.

The Association proceeded to a ballot, and the above named gentlemen were unanimously elected the officers of the Association for the ensuing year.

On motion of Prof. Yandell, the thanks of the Association were unanimously voted to the President for the dignified and courteous manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair.

On motion of Prof. Curtis, the thanks of the Association were voted to the Secretary for his able and efficient services.

On motion, the thanks of the Association were voted to Professors T. A. Atchison, Edward Curtis, and L. P. Yandell, Jr., who through their able Secretary, Dr. Curtis, had elaborated and presented to the Association a Constitution, By-Laws and Articles of Confederation so nearly perfect in general scope and minuteness of detail.

And, there being no further business before the Association, on motion of Prof. Bodine, it was adjourned *sine die*.

J. B. BIDDLE, M. D., *President*.

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

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