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PREFACE.

UNTIL within a very few years, the science and art of Otology had been almost entirely neglected by the medical profession of the United States. In this respect, however, we were not much behind most other parts of the civilized world.

In its very best position, Otology was an appendage, not always very gracefully worn, to the Department of Ophthalmology; for in this country, as in Ireland, diseases of the Eye and Ear have always been connected, both in the minds of the profession and the laity. The Ophthalmological Society of the City of New York thus has for its object the cultivation of both ophthalmic and aural science.

After the American Ophthalmological Society had proved itself a useful organization, and had become firmly established, the question of amending its constitution so as to admit of the discussion of aural subjects, was considered by the members, nearly all of whom were engaged in the practice of both Ophthalmology and Otology. It was proposed to devote one day of the annual sessions of the Society to aural medicine and surgery; but it was finally decided that such a union could not produce satisfactory results. Consequently, on the 22d of July, 1868, the American Otological Society was organized by certain members of the American Ophthalmological Society, who were then at Newport, Rhode Island, in attendance upon the fifth meeting of the latter. Their names will be found in the minutes of the first meeting, which are printed in this volume.

As will be seen by reference to the record, no scientific business was then transacted; but at each subsequent annual meeting papers have been read and discussions held. It is believed that these articles and debates have contributed essentially to the interest in aural science that now obtains in this country and abroad; and it is confidently hoped that the Otological Society has but just begun a career which is to continue so long as medical science is cultivated.

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MINUTES FOR 1868.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 22, 1868.

At the meeting for the formation of the American Otolological Society, held July 22, 1868, at the Ocean House, Newport, R. I., the following gentlemen were present, viz. —

Drs	C. R. AGNEW	New York.
	H. D. NOYES	"
	D. B. ST. JOHN ROOSA	"
	E. J. BUMSTAD	"
	O. D. POMEROY	"
	JOHN GREEN	St. Louis.
	E. WILLIAMS	Cincinnati.
	C. A. ROBERTSON	Albany.
	C. E. RIDER	Rochester.

Dr. E. Williams was elected Chairman, and Dr. C. E. Rider, Secretary.

A Constitution and By-Laws were adopted.

The following gentlemen were then elected members, viz. —

Drs.	SAMUEL L. FRANK	Baltimore.
	J. ORNE GREEN	Boston.
	W. W. MORLAND	"
	CHARLES E. HACKLEY	New York.
	R. F. WEIR	"
	FRANCIS SIMROCK	"
	W. S. LUDLUM	"
	W. F. HOLCOMBE	"
	A. D. WILLIAMS	Cincinnati.
	J. F. NOYES	Detroit.
	JOHN H. DIX	Boston.
	E. L. HOLMES	Chicago.

Dr. E. Williams was elected President for the ensuing year, and Dr. C. E. Rider, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

The President appointed Dr. D. B. St. J. Roosa the Committee on the Progress of Otology.

The Secretary was directed to procure the publication of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society.

Adjourned, to meet at the Ocean House, Newport, July 20, 1869, at 11 A. M.

C. E. RIDER, *Secretary*.

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