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OHIO WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS,
June 17, 1862. 10 o'clock A. M.

The Ohio State Medical Society met in the public hall, prepared for the use of the Society on this occasion, and was called to order by the President, Dr. M. B. Wright, of Cincinnati.

Neither of the Secretaries being present, Dr. E. B. Stevens, of Cincinnati, was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The President called for the report of the Executive Committee, but none of that committee being present, it was, on motion, agreed to adopt the order of business of last year.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of last year was omitted.

On motion of Dr. Kincaid, the President was directed to appoint a committee of five to nominate officers for the ensuing year. Drs. Kincaid, Reamy, Gans, Reisinger, and Gordon were appointed that committee.

The Committee on Admissions reported favorably on the names of Drs. J. T. Wood, of Williamstown; J. W. Brady, of Linnville; Roland Cadwallader, of Springfield; Chas. C. Cooke, of Youngstown; Henry W. Owen, of Mt. Vernon; Wm. Hays, of Milfordton; Alex. McBride, of Beres; A. F. Joseph, of Cummins-ville; and P. J. Beverly, of Frankfort,—all of whom were duly elected.

The Committee on Nominations made their report, and the Society proceeded to ballot, with the following result :

President . . . J. W. RUSSELL, M.D., of Mt. Vernon.

Vice Presidents.

G. C. Blackman, M.D., of Cincinnati, | J. M. Southard, M.D., of Marysville,
G. W. Boerstler, M.D., of Lancaster, | B. S. Brown, M.D., of Bellefontaine.

Secretaries.

E. B. Stevens, M.D., of Cincinnati, T. B. Williams, M.D., of Delaware.

Treasurer . . . John Thompson, M.D., of Columbus.

Librarian . . . R. Thompson, M.D., of Columbus.

Committee on Admissions.

Drs. Kincaid, Reamy, Gans, Gordon, and Reisinger.

Drs. M. Dawson and Patterson were appointed a committee to wait upon the President elect, and escort him to the chair.

Upon taking his seat the President made a few appropriate remarks, acknowledging the compliment paid by the State Society in selecting him to preside over its deliberations for the ensuing year.

On motion of Dr. Kincaid, the address of the retiring President was made the special order for to-morrow afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

The President called the standing committees.

Dr. Boerstler, chairman of the Committee on Uterine Diseases, apologized for inability to make a full report; and, on motion, the committee was continued for another year.

Several committees announced their presence, and readiness to report during the session.

Dr. Wright made a statement concerning the condition of his report on Obstetrical Surgery; and, on motion of Dr. Landon, discretion was granted Dr. Wright to report at the present session, or be allowed another year.

The Society took a recess until 2 P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The President, Dr. Russell, in the chair.

The Committee on Admissions presented the names of Drs. S. O. Almy and George Fries, of Cincinnati, who were elected.

On motion of Dr. Landon, the making of Dr. Wright's address

the special order for 2 o'clock Wednesday, was reconsidered and set for 10½ o'clock forenoon.

The Treasurer, Dr. Thompson, made his annual report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Dr. Armor, from the Committee on Medical Literature, proceeded to read the report of that committee. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Publication. Pending the reference the report was briefly discussed by Drs. Kincaid, Reamy, and others.

Dr. Wright, from the Committee on Prize Essays, stated that but one essay had been submitted to the committee, which would be reported on at an early hour.

On motion, adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1862.

The Society met, the President, Dr. Russell, in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Admissions presented the names of Drs. T. P. Gruwell, of Damascoville; F. M. Andrews, of Dayton; W. H. Matchett, of Ithaca; E. Hyatt, of Delaware; A. H. Thompson, of Circleville; P. H. Clark, of Ashland,—all of whom were duly elected.

Dr. Kincaid, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report:

To the Ohio State Medical Society.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report and vouchers of the Treasurer, (Dr. John B. Thompson,) respectfully report that we have carefully examined the same, and find his accounts correct as reported to the Society; and the entire indebtedness of the Society is \$45.81.

Your committee would recommend the assessment on each member, for the present year, of *one dollar*, to pay its present indebtedness and defray its annual expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. KINCAID,
G. W. BOBBSTLER,
C. P. LANDON.

Drs. W. H. Matchett, of Darke County, and C. Falconer, of

Butler County, presented their certificates as delegates from their respective societies, and took their seats.

Dr. M. B. Wright, from the Committee on Prize Essays, reported that in the absence of Dr. Rogers, of Springfield, a member of that committee, Dr. Reisinger was appointed to fill the vacancy; and that only one essay had been submitted to the committee, but upon its examination the committee regarded it as well worthy of the prize medal which had been offered by the Society,—and they accordingly so recommend. Upon breaking the seal of the accompanying note, it appeared the author was Dr. H. Culbertson, of Zanesville.

On motion, the Committee on Prize Essays was requested to have a gold medal prepared in accordance with the original resolution, to be presented to Dr. Culbertson at the meeting of 1868.

Dr. Landon offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be the duty of each member of this Society, upon the death of any member of the Association in his community, to forward to the Committee on Obituaries such facts and information as will enable said committee to prepare a just and proper notice.

Dr. Blackman read a synopsis of his report on surgery, which, on motion, was laid on the table for the present.

The following letter was read, from Dr. Dodge, chairman of the Committee on Ethics:

The Committee on Ethics beg leave to report that but one case of professional delinquency has been brought to their notice the past year.

The Montgomery County Medical Society notified the committee at the last annual meeting, that Dr. Oliver Crook had been expelled for unprofessional conduct. The committee informed Dr. Crook, by letter, that his case would be acted on at the ensuing annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. DODGE, Chairman of Committee on Ethics.

The communication was laid on the table.

The hour having arrived for the address of the retiring President, on motion, Drs. M. Dawson, Weber and Sweney were appointed a committee to wait upon the ladies and invite them to be present.

Dr. Wright proceeded to deliver his valedictory, announcing as his topic "The Idolatry of our People; or, The Rebellion in its Medical Aspects."

The delivery of the address was followed by considerable discussion, participated in by Drs. Murphy, Kincaid, Reamy, Jno. Dawson, Wright, and Falconer. Finally, on motion of Dr. Gordon, the address was referred to the Committee on Publication, and, as amended by Dr. Thompson, with instructions to publish.

Dr. W. W. Dawson, of the Committee on Publication, presented the following report:

The Publication Committee would make the following report: Two hundred and thirty-five copies of the Transactions of the Society have been published, at an expense of \$149.61. W. W. Dawson, Chairman.

On motion, report accepted.

Society took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Vice-President Blackman in the chair.

Dr. Gordon read a volunteer paper giving an account of a case of hydatids of the uterus and disease of the left ovary.

On motion of Dr. Weber, the paper was referred to the Publication Committee, with instructions to print.

Dr. Jno. Dawson offered the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, By the Ohio State Medical Society now convened at the White Sulphur Springs, that the President of the United States be requested to avail himself of the first opportunity to effect an exchange of prisoners of war.

2d. *Resolved*, That this Society fully appreciate the wisdom and humanity of the recent agreement of the authorities North and South, of regarding surgeons in service as non-combatants.

After considerable discussion, on motion, the first resolution was laid on the table, and the second adopted.

Dr. Plympton offered the following:

Resolved, That the publication of any address, prize essay, or other paper by this Society, is no evidence of its endorsement of the sentiments therein contained; and that this resolution be prefixed to the introductory page of each future volume of Transactions.

On motion, adopted.

Dr. Landon offered the following:

Resolved, That when this Society adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the Ohio White Sulphur Springs on the third Tuesday in June, 1863.

Adopted.

Dr. Weber offered the following :

Whereas, The history of wars of all nations has proven that the dangers surrounding a surgeon on duty are far greater than those encompassing the soldier with a weapon of destruction in his hand—the mortality of surgeons being far greater in proportion than the mortality of officers on duty in the different grades of the army; and,

Whereas, That same history furnishes as noble examples of heroism of medical men on the bloody field of battle as ever the lives of true and great heroes can show; and,

Whereas, The fields where now the battles for our liberty and independence are being fought, daily witness the heroic conduct of our professional brethren, now surgeons in the grand army of the Republic, truly worthy of Paré, Larry or Strohmeier; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draw up a memorial to the Governor of Ohio, asking him to use all his influence with the proper authorities, to place the medical man in the army on the same footing with officers of the same grade, as to brevets and marks of distinction for gallant conduct in the performance of his duty.

Resolved, That a copy of the above preamble and resolution be furnished to the Presidents and Secretaries of the different State Medical Societies of our country, with the request of cooperation.

The preamble and resolution were discussed at length by Drs. Weber, Wright, Boerstler, John Dawson, Johnson and Dorsey.

Dr. Dorsey offered the following substitute for the resolutions of Dr. Weber, which was adopted :

Resolved, By the Ohio State Medical Society, that the Governor of the State be, and he is hereby, requested to use all his power and influence with the proper department, to give such efficiency to the corps of surgeons in our armies, both in respect to numbers and authority, as may enable them to perform their duties in caring for the health, and relieving the casualties of the soldier.

Dr. Weber then asked permission of the Society to withdraw the preamble presented by him. Granted.

On motion of Dr. Landon, it was—

Resolved, That the Secretaries prepare a correct list of the names of members in attendance, and the same be published in connection with the Transactions.

On motion, Dr. Blackman's report was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Publication, with instructions to publish.

Dr. Kincaid offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be, and are hereby, tendered to the retiring officers, for the able, dignified and courteous discharge of their several duties.

On motion of Dr. Davis, the report of the Committee on Ethics was taken from the table, and a committee, consisting of Drs.