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First day, morning session.

The meeting was called to order at 10.30 o'clock by the President of the Association, Dr. J. Solis Cohen, who occupied the chair. The Vice-Presidents, Dr. W. C. Glasgow and Dr. J. O. Roe, took their places upon the platform.

The Secretary announced the following Fellows present upon the calling of the roll :

HARRISON ALLEN, M.D., Philadelphia.	F. I. KNIGHT, M.D., Boston.
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The following candidates for Fellowship were present and afterward signed the roll :

D. B. DELAVAN, M.D., New York. E. C. MORGAN, M.D., Washington.
G. W. MAJOR, M.D., Montreal. H. MYNTER, M.D., Buffalo.

and a large number of invited guests and visitors.

Dr. Harrison Allen, the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, read the following address of welcome :

Fellows of the American Laryngological Association :

GENTLEMEN—It has been delegated to me by my associates of the Philadelphia Laryngological Society, to welcome you to your Third Annual Congress.

Some of the most noted medical gatherings of our time have been convened in Philadelphia. We have now to witness the opening of a congress new to her history,—a congress of physicians who are specially engaged in studying the diseases of the respiratory passages. I take, therefore, great pleasure in welcoming you on this most interesting occasion.

It is to be regretted, on some accounts, that this meeting of the Association is called at a time when the American Medical Association is barely adjourned, and the State Medical Society of Pennsylvania is about to convene. The plans of your Committee of Arrangements may be, in some measure, disturbed by these circumstances. But the committee trusts that the essential work of the congress may go on uninterruptedly and prosperously.

May your meetings here prove as valuable as have those of your previous congresses !

May your labors stimulate to renewed exertion all persons engaged in laryngology !

May the session serve to strengthen the bonds that unite a society of brothers !

May it end in crushing out charlatanism and self-seeking !

May it overcome prejudice and opposition !

May it spread the boundaries of knowledge to the advantage of the noblest of pursuits, the relief of human suffering !

The following invitations were read, viz. : from the College of Physicians, offering the use of the hall to the Association for its sessions, and inviting the members to visit the library and the Mütter Museum ; from the directors of the Academy of Natural

Sciences, to visit the academy ; from the superintendent of the Camden and Atlantic Railroad, tending the use of a special train to visit Atlantic City on Wednesday, May 11th ; and from the Philadelphia Medical Club, offering the freedom of the house. These invitations had been accepted by the Committee on behalf of the Association.

The President then read his annual address, as follows :

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

GENTLEMEN—The year which has just expired, in the life of our Association, has abundantly evinced increasing attention to the department of medical science in which we are specially interested. Numerous monographs, on various topics of individual study and observation, have issued from the presses of the two great continents. New treatises have been published in Germany, Great Britain, and America, three of our own Fellows having entered the guild of authors with elaborate volumes. An additional journal, devoted to laryngology and its adjunct subjects, is being published in France ; and similar periodicals are expected, in the immediate future, from Germany and Great Britain.

The first International Medical Congress of Laryngologists has had a very successful convention at Milan, and a laryngological sub-section of medicine has been organized for the approaching International Medical Congress at London, which bids fair, by its prospective brilliancy, to outshine the parent section that denied it equality of recognition. The courtesy has been extended to several of our Fellows to invite them to take prominent part in opening the discussions on subjects selected by the local committee. In view of the fact that several members of our body contemplate being present at this meeting and taking active part in its deliberations, it would seem desirable that they be constituted a special committee of delegates to represent this Association in the sub-section alluded to, and report at our next annual meeting such points of practical utility there brought forward, as may be of general interest to laryngologists.

Our last annual meeting was one to which we can refer with pride. The simultaneous meeting of the American Medical Association in the same city, while it drew some of our own members away, from time to time, brought us, on the other hand, a number of visitors, among them some distinguished members of the profession ; and it was told your presiding officer that the decorum

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and dignity of the meeting, the interest manifested in its literary and scientific work, and the uniform courtesy observed in discussion, were matters of favorable comment.

Hardly, however, had our new year begun when this Association met its first dismembering loss in the death of its founder and first Vice-President, Dr. Frank H. Davis, of Chicago, for the following obituary notice of whom, I am indebted to his fellow-townsmen, Dr. E. Fletcher Ingals.

OBITUARY.

FRANK H. DAVIS, M.D., the originator of the American Laryngological Association, and its first Vice-President, died in Chicago on August 17, 1880. The deceased was born in New York, June 5, 1848, and the following year was taken by his parents, Nathan S. and Anna Maria Davis, to Chicago, where he resided until his death.

After preparation in the select schools of Chicago, he entered the University of Michigan, with the intention of taking a full classical course, but on account of poor health, he was obliged to relinquish the course at the end of his sophomore year.

He began the study of medicine in the office of his father, Prof. N. S. Davis, founder of the American Medical Association, in 1867, and in the same year began the course of study in the Chicago Medical College, from which he graduated with honors in 1871. After pursuing his medical course for two years, on account of some threatening pulmonary symptoms, he was sent to Europe, where he remained for sixteen months. On his return, he completed his medical course, when he again sailed for Europe, and spent some months in the study of diseases of the air passages, in the hospitals of Vienna.

Returning to his home in July, 1871, he began at once a general practice, which he continued until his last illness. Dr. Davis followed the course which should be adopted by all who intend to practise any specialty, by first grounding himself in the fundamental principles of general practice, which are so essential to the proper treatment of disease. Constantly holding in view his chosen specialty during the last few years of his life, the bulk of his work was done in this line.

He was an active member of the Chicago Medical Society, the

Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and the American Laryngological Association.

He was for several years associated with his father as editor of the *Chicago Medical Examiner*, and the fruit of his literary work may be found in numerous articles contributed to its pages, and in the transactions of the various societies to which he belonged. He was an active member of the medical staffs of the Mercy Hospital, and of the South Side Free Dispensary of Chicago.

He was interested in the collateral sciences, and possessed not only a love, but also native genius, for the fine arts. The latter is illustrated in a life-size bust of his father, modelled by his own hands.

On June 3d, 1880, Dr. Davis was suddenly prostrated by the disease which, ten weeks later, terminated his useful career.

A *post-mortem* examination determined that the chief cause of his death was an acute suppurative inflammation of the left kidney, which had been attended with so much reflex irritation of the stomach, that for the last three weeks of his life he had been sustained entirely by nutritive enemata.

He left a wife, the daughter of Prof. Oliver Marcy, of Evanston, and two children. Dr. Davis, in his brief professional career of only nine years, accomplished what, to most men with his feeble physical powers, would have been an impossibility.

He built for himself a lucrative practice; he made for himself an honored place in the profession of the nation, and when, in his early manhood, he lay down for that final sleep, he left a large circle to mourn in him the loss of a genial friend, a kind and cultivated physician, and an amiable Christian gentleman.

I would ask that an appropriate position be given to this brief biographic sketch of our dead Fellow in the volume of transactions for the present year.

The close sequence of our meetings upon those of the American Medical Association is apt to interfere somewhat with the attendance. Some of our Fellows have affiliations of long standing with the American Medical Association; others find it difficult and even impossible to give such attention to both organizations as they would like to do, as attendance upon both necessitates too prolonged an absence from their duties to their patients.